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COMMENT OF THE DAY

His Last Message

LIKE his last State of the Union message, Mr Truman's final broadcast as President of the United States illuminates the fundamental qualities of a man who, for all his controversial domestic policies, stands with the late President Roosevelt as a great champion and guardian of the free world and its ideals. What a fateful chance it was that brought the Man from Missouri to the leadership of the world's most powerful State at the very time that it had to change course. Even to follow the mighty Roosevelt was a hard thing as Truman knew when he said: "Pray for me!" But he did it successfully even though his administration may not have been without blemish. As Mr Truman has said more than once, the greatest part of the President's job is to make decisions, and during his eight years in office he has never shirked from this responsibility. By almost a split-second decision he plunged into the Korean war, and thereby gave notice that Communist aggression everywhere would be challenged and halted. He introduced the Truman Doctrine and sanctioned the Marshall Plan. He gave the first order to drop the atomic bomb. All those actions needed courage—and Mr Truman proved that he has it.

THE free world owes much to this man with the infectious grin and the lion heart. It was typical that his final State of the Union message should give warning of the "corrosive process of fear, sapping our faith, turning citizen against citizen." Equally typical was the declaration in his last broadcast to the people: "I have a deep and abiding faith in the destiny of free men. With patience and courage we shall some day move into a new era—a wonder Golden Age—an age when we can use the peaceful tools Science has forged for us to do away with poverty and human misery everywhere on earth." Courage and faith are two of Mr Truman's outstanding characteristics, and because of them he is entitled to demand that the free world should cast off fear. It never pays to underestimate an opponent, but to fear him paralyses the mainsprings of action. It was because Hitler and Mussolini were feared before 1939 that the war began. It was because they were no longer feared in 1940 that the war was won by the democracies. Russia is a colossus, not to be ignored or laughed off. But she too, may have feet of clay, and the free world concedes her half the battle now being waged if it trembles at her name. That is Mr Truman's message. It is a notable last thought to round off an historic tenure of office.

TRUMAN'S FAREWELL BROADCAST

Faith In Destiny Of Free Men

PREDICTS COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM

Washington, Jan. 15.

In a farewell speech to the nation at the end of almost eight years in the chief executive's office, President Truman said the menace of Communism would collapse eventually because of its own fatal flaws and that when peace came there would be such prosperity that people would not recognise the world in which they now lived.

The President spoke before radio microphones and television cameras from a desk in his office at the White House.

He said he supposed history would record the "cold war" as the overshadowing feature of his eight years as President, but it could also record that he helped to set the course to win it and prevent World War III, and had brought great new benefits to the people of the United States.

He again rejected the idea that the world be freed from the Communist menace by atomic attack on Russia. "Starting war is no way to make peace," he stated.

He said a third world war would not only dig the grave of the Communist enemies but also of free world society.

Describing how the cold war might end, he said in part: "The Communist world has great resources and it looks strong. But there is a fatal flaw in their society. Theirs is a godless system—a system of slavery. There is no freedom in it, no consent. The Iron Curtain secret police are constantly purged.

"All these are symptoms of a great basic weakness — the rulers' fear of their own people.

"As the free world grows stronger, more united, more attractive to men on both sides of the Iron Curtain—and as Soviet hopes for easy expansion are blocked — then there will have to come the time of change in the Soviet world.

CHANGE WILL OCCUR

"Nobody can be sure when that is going to be, or exactly how it will come about, whether by revolution or trouble in the satellite states or by change inside the Kremlin.

"Whether the Communist rulers shift their policies of their own free will or whether a change comes about in some other way, I have not a doubt in the world that a change will occur.

"I have a deep and abiding faith in the destiny of free men. With patience and courage we shall some day move on into a new era—a wonderful Golden Age—an age when we can use the peaceful tools Science has forged for us to do away with poverty and human misery everywhere on earth.

"Think what can be done once our capital, our skills, our science—most of all, atomic energy—can be released from the task of defence and turned wholly to peaceful purposes all around the world. There is no end to what can be done.

"I can't help but dream out loud a little here.

"The Tigris and Euphrates Valley can be made to bloom as it did in the times of Babylonia and Nineveh. Israel can be made a country of milk and honey as it was in the time of Joshua. There is a plateau in Ethiopia some six to eight thousand feet high that has 65,000 square miles of land just exactly like the corn belt in Northern Illinois. Enough food can be raised there to feed 100,000,000 people.

CAN BE DONE

"There are places in South America—places in Colombia and Venezuela and Brazil—just like that plateau in Ethiopia — places where food could be raised for millions of people. These things can be done and they are self-liquidating projects. If we can get peace and safety in the world under the United Nations, developments will come so fast we will not recognize the world in which we now live."

Reviewing the conditions under which he took office, Mr Truman said, "The greatest part of the President's job is to make decisions."

He recalled that when he took office "the war against Japan was still going on."

"I made the decision that the atomic bomb had to be used to end it. I made that decision in the conviction that it would save hundreds of thousands of lives — Japanese as well as American."

He continued: "Think of the difference between our course now and our course 30 years ago . . . think back for a moment to 1930 and you will see the difference. The Japanese moved into Manchuria and we did not act. The Fascists moved in Ethiopia and we did not. The Nazis marched into Austria, into Czechoslovakia, and free men were paralysed for lack of strength and unity and will."

SPEED AND COURAGE

He said that since World War II free men had moved against the "Communist threat" with "speed and courage and decisiveness".

"The first crisis came in 1945 and 1946, when the Soviet Union refused to honour its agreement to remove its troops from Iran. Members of my Cabinet came to me and asked if we were ready to take the risk that a firm stand involved. I replied that we were . . . and the Soviet troops were withdrawn."

After mentioning other decisive moves, Mr Truman said: "Most important of all, we acted in Korea... It was not easy to make the decision that sent American boys again into battle ... (but) we realised the issue was whether there would be fighting now or on a much larger scale later on...

"So the decision was reached —a decision I believe was the most important in my time as President.

"There has been a tremendous awakening of American conscience on the great issues of civil rights—equal economic opportunities, equal rights of citizenship and equal educational opportunities for all our people, whatever their race or religion or status of birth.

"So, as I empty the drawers of this desk and Mrs Truman and I leave the White House, we have no regret. We feel we have done our best in public service.

"I hope and believe we have contributed to the welfare of this nation and to the peace of the world."—United Press.

Appeal Of 9 Mau Mau Dismissed

Nairobi, Jan. 15.

The Court of Appeal, Eastern African Court sitting here, dismissed the appeals of nine Kikuyus convicted of Mau Mau murders.

They were convicted for the murder of headman Kiambu on September 26, the murder of an agricultural inspector on October 20 and that of a police constable on October 22.

All the applicants returned to prison to await execution.

Four hundred steel-helmeted troops of the King's Rifles and 150 regular police reservists threw a cordon round an African location at Nakuru before dawn today.

Nearly 3,000 Africans were held for screening but those whose documents were in order were not detained.

Several hundreds of those screened were detained to answer various charges.

The raid followed the discovery of the decapitated body of a school teacher a few miles from the location and violence against an elderly African who was nearly strangled.

The Governor of Kenya, Sir Evelyn Baring, has appointed a commission of inquiry to investigate the murder in hospital of Kikuyu Chief Hinga.

Chief Hinga was shot dead at Kiambu near Nairobi on January 4 by an unknown tribesman who walked unmolested into the Government hospital where the chief was recovering from wounds received in an ambush.—Reuter.

Off Shore Oil Rights Given To US Navy

Washington, Jan. 15.

President Truman said today that he was issuing an executive order turning over to the United States Navy oil under the lands off the shores of the United States.

President Truman disclosed his decision at his last press conference before leaving the Presidency next week.

The executive order will be President Truman's last move in the controversy whether the Federal Government or the state governments are entitled to ownership of the oil coming from vast deposits stretching out under the sea, particularly in the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific.

Mr Truman intimated the amount of oil whose ownership has been in dispute is about 100,000 million barrels.

The President holds that the oil belongs to the people of the United States through their Federal Government. Last year he vetoed a bill passed by Congress assuring the local state governments of ownership of the oil.

The President's view has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court.—Reuter.

Rejection Of British Note Forecast

London, Jan. 15.

Reports from Cairo published in a section of the London press today predicted that the latest British note to the Egyptian government on the future status of Sudan was likely to be rejected.

The Egyptian Cabinet was reported to have studied yesterday the text of the note given by the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, to Mahmoud Fawzi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, on Monday.

Major Saleh Salem, the architect of the agreement between Egypt and the four Sudanese political parties at Khartoum on Jan. 10 on the future of the South Sudan, was quoted by one newspaper as saying in Cairo yesterday: "The British note will be rejected."

The main point of difference throughout the Anglo-Egyptian talks on the Sudan is over Britain's insistence that the Governor-General should be vested with exceptional powers, including special responsibility, for the South Sudan.

Britain emphasises that the Governor-General should retain power to veto Sudanese legislation that he felt was against the interests of the backward people of the Southern provinces.

The expected meeting between the Egyptian Prime Minister, General Naguib, and the British Ambassador has not so far taken place, and reports indicated that the Egyptian government's reaction to the latest British note would be conveyed to Sir Ralph today.—Reuter.

Robbed Of His Kilt

Edinburgh, Jan. 15.

The story of a Scotsman who lost his kilt was told in an Edinburgh court today.

The victim, a 20-year-old male nurse, was robbed of the kilt and sporran he was wearing as he walked home late at night.

John McKenzie, 20, who pleaded to the assault was sent to gaol for 18 months.

"A brutal assault," commented the sheriff.—Reuter.

French Premier For London

Paris, Jan. 15.

Prime Minister, Rene Mayer said tonight that he would go to Britain to see Prime Minister Winston Churchill before his United States visit to General Eisenhower.

M. Mayer told journalists here that he will be accompanied by the Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, the Finance Minister, M. Maurice Bourges Maunoury and the Minister for Economic Affairs, M. Robert Buron.

M. Mayer said no date had been fixed for either visit.—Reuter.

No One Knows Just What This Is

Many reports have been received in recent months of strange items seen in the sky in different parts of the world. The latest comes from Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. Mr Barney Wayne, Manager of a Bulawayo photographic studio, was driving north along the City's Main Street, when he saw a silver object in the sky. He stopped the car and snapped the phenomenon, using a camera speed of 1/100th sec. He went to his office and was about to enter the building when he saw the object again. He made another exposure. The "Phenomenon" looks like a silver object of indefinite shape. The negatives have been examined by pressmen and other individuals and have been found to be genuine.—London Express.

Jewish Leaders Flee East Germany

Berlin, Jan. 15.

Four Jewish leaders from East Germany, all Communists, fled today to West Berlin to escape persecution.

They said their flight would be a signal to the remaining Jews in East Germany to join the refugee stream to the West.

A spokesman said: "This is the saddest day for the Jews in Germany since Hitler. Jews in East Germany are living in a state of panic."

The four men brought their families with them. The group totalled 22.

It was the largest organised group escape of Jews since East Germany launched an attack against "Jewish agents" on January 4.

The four Jewish leaders are: Julius Meyer, President of all Jewish communities in East Germany and Deputy in the East German People's Parliament; Telmuth Lohser, Chairman of the Jewish community in Liepzig; Leo Loewenkoff, Chairman of the Dresden Jewish community and Gunter Singer, Chairman of the Erfurt (Thuringia) Jewish community.

They were all members of the East German Socialist Unity (Communist) party.

The only Jewish communities in East Germany left with a Chairman are those at Magdeburg and Halle.

The leaders fled on a prearranged signal to escape state security officials. They have been housed by the West Berlin Jewish community.—Reuter.

SEEKING SAFETY

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.

Recent Prague and Moscow anti-Jewish events have skyrocketed the number of applications for emigration by the Jewish community in the Netherlands, it was learned here today.

Over the past fortnight the number of Jewish persons who have registered for emigration has increased from 3,000, to 4,000 and is still growing, Dr Gerhart Taussig, head of the Emigration Office of the Bureau of Jewish Social Work, said today.

He said there had been little desire among the roughly estimated 20,000 members of the Jewish community in the Netherlands to emigrate in the past few years, not even to Israel. The requests are mainly for emigration to the US and Canada, Taussig said.

"The reason Jews are anxious to get away is that they find Berlin very close to the Netherlands, and they are not so sure the Russians will not come here," Dr J. Millkman, editor in chief of the Jewish weekly Nieuw Israelich Weekblad said, commenting on the rise in applications for emigration.

"They have not forgotten their World War II experiences. After Korea the fear was for another war. This time the fear is that in the event the Russians will come here they will again receive a special treatment."

A Jewish photographic here said, "In 1940 we did not like the idea of a war. But after our World War II experiences we shudder hearing the news from Prague and Moscow. We have become a very small, rather hopeless minority of Jews in Europe, and for us there is only one thing to do: a flight to safer areas."—Associated Press.

Washington Explosion

Washington, Jan. 15.

At least one person was killed and some 30 injured when a strong explosion occurred in a building here today.

The explosion followed a fire which broke out earlier in the building.

Among the persons known to be injured were 25 firemen, 15 of them seriously.

They were fighting the fire from their ladders when the blast of the explosion blew them onto the street below.

Other people in the street were thrown to the ground with glass from all the shattered windows in the building raining on them.

The cause of the explosion is not yet known.—France-Presse.

Former Gauleiter Arrested

Seventh Ex-Nazi To Be Detained

Bonn, Jan. 15.

The British today followed up the arrest of six former prominent Nazis by picking up "for examination" Hitler's former Gauleiter for Hamburg, Karl Kaufmann.

The German Government also struck at the threatened Nazi revival by moving to deprive Otto Remer, former General and then deputy leader of the banned Neo Nazi Socialist Reichs Party, of his constitutional rights.

The Interior Minister, Herr Robert Lehor, announced that the request had been lodged with the Constitutional Court.

Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick as High Commissioner, Britain's chief representative in Germany, announced the British swoop to reporters today.—Reuter.

BOMBSHELL EFFECT

London, Jan. 15.

Unearthing of the Nazi plot shocked political and diplomatic circles here who regard it as a bombshell on Allied plans to give West Germany virtual sovereignty and to rearm her.

The arrests shook even the strongest adherents of the policy of the "new deal" for Germany. Opponents of the programme drew immediate support for the view that West Germany was still not prepared for full nationhood on Western Democratic lines.

At the same time, there is almost universal sympathy for Chancellor Dr Konrad Adenauer and his Moderate colleagues who have striven hard to wipe out extremism of every kind in the Federal Republic.

On the Continent, spokesmen of German and French political parties today expressed alarm at the possible resurgence of Nazism, but some said that the arrest of the six last night should not be exaggerated.

GERMAN REGRET

Most German spokesmen regretted that the action had been taken by British and not German authorities.

The party board of the opposition Social Democratic party said in a press statement: "The arrests expose alarmingly the really significant danger for our Republic—the infiltration of neo-Fascist elements into the parties right of the Social Democrats.

"It is regrettable that a measure of an occupation power was necessary to uncover the conspiracy."

But the party's press service said it would be incorrect to dramatise the British arrests. The majority of the German people were immune against a revival of Nazi ideas. The post-war elections had proved this.

In Paris, the French Foreign Office declined to comment on the arrests and said that, as far as was known here, no similar Nazi underground organisation existed in the French zone of Germany.—Reuter.

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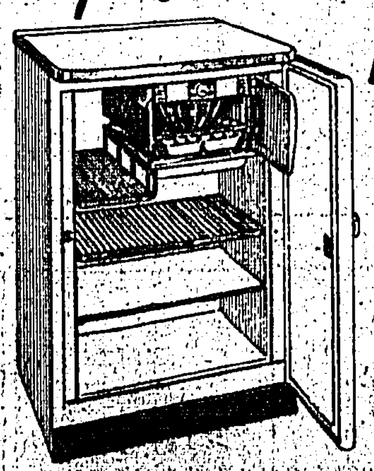

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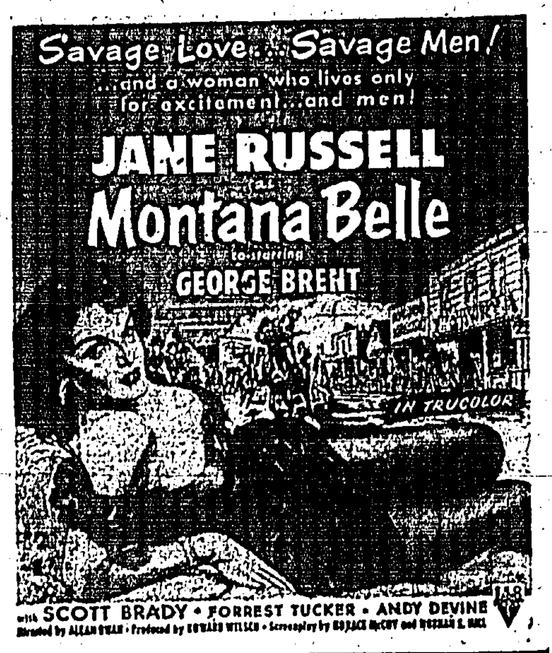

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NEW KOREA PEACE MOVE?

Ex-King Farouk and his wife Narriman, now resident in Italy, arrive for a performance of Verdi's Opera "Simone Boccanegra" in Rome.—Express Photo.

Speculation Over Next Month's Assembly Session

New York, Jan. 15.

The Foreign Ministers of Britain, France and the other NATO countries are expected to attend the United Nations General Assembly when it resumes its seventh session here on February 24.

Writers on United Nations topics agree that top-rank national leaders will lead most delegations, at any rate at the start, an unusual thing for the second half of an interrupted session.

Some experts asserted that the British and French Foreign Ministers, Mr Anthony Eden and M. Georges Bidault would bring with them diplomats of Cabinet rank to assist them.

Two questions already on the Assembly's agenda are of East-West significance.

These are:

1. What should the United Nations do if the Communists do—not—agree—to—a—Korean armistice, and

2. The relationship of the United Nations to the host country in regard to its international personnel.

To these controversial issues may be added a third: A complaint by Israel against alleged anti-Jewish measures in Eastern Europe.

While the exact scope of the Israeli complaint is not yet known, it was expected, in any case, to focus attention—as in the other two issues—on the attitude of the Asian-Arab bloc.

The Arab group does not co-operate with Israel.

U.S. KOREA POLICY

Mr Eisenhower's administration would by then have been in power for nearly a month, with full opportunities to arrive at a clear-cut decision regarding Korea and other matters before the Assembly.

The new President could, if he wanted, address the General Assembly, but so far there have been no indications that he would do so.

Particular importance was attached to the role of the President of the Assembly, Mr Lester B. Pearson, Foreign Minister of Canada, who had been requested at the last session to ascertain China's views on the Indian resolution.

A leading Canadian paper, the Montreal Star, in a report from the United Nations today, foresaw "prolongation of the plenary meetings."

The paper said: "These prospects are enhanced by the report that India, at the head of the Asian bloc of nations, may make a new and dramatic attempt to end the Korean war by a General Assembly resolution."

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Indian sources were unable to throw any light on this speculation.

The Montreal Star's reports also said: "If the Asians are going to intervene in Korea again with an appeal that is bound to command world attention, the Soviets are not likely to miss the chance of getting in on the act in some way. This accordingly increases the possibility that Mr Vyshinsky or M. Gromyko will be on hand for the last week in February."

Some countries are expected to send with their delegations, experts on international civil service, with particular reference to the experience of the League of Nations.

India was one of the countries that asked the Secretary-General to place on the Assembly's agenda the question of U.N. personnel policies.

As this problem vitally concerns the future of the United Nations—if not the location of its headquarters—it is expected to provide an extremely heated debate.—Reuter.

Criticism Of Indian Policy

London, Jan. 15.

The London Times today pointed to what it called "a real weakness in Indian diplomacy."

"The Government of India is rightly proud of its independence. It will not brook admonition—let alone pressure—from other countries on the management of its affairs," the paper said.

"Yet it does not seem to recognise that other countries feel and are entitled to feel the same. This is a real weakness in Indian diplomacy.

"Indian interest in the domestic affairs of South Africa, French North Africa, Malaya, and Kenya is inspired by the sincere conviction that racial inequality and Colonial rule are deplorable anarchronisms but it takes the form of deliberate efforts to organise pressure upon the governments responsible for these regions.

"Pressure of the same kind applied to India would be denounced indignantly as interference."

The Times said India was at the moment trying to bring pressure upon Pakistan.

"The campaign in the Indian Press to deter Pakistan from associating with the proposed Middle East defence organisation is too well synchronised to be anything but officially inspired.

"India, it is asserted, cannot tolerate any action which might bring the cold war nearer to her or endanger her neutrality in it by aligning one part of the Indo-Pakistan sub-continent with the Western powers.

"In the present unhappy state of relations between India and Pakistan this campaign is more likely to defeat than to achieve its object."—Reuter.

JAPANESE DIPLOMATS CONFER

Paris, Jan. 15.

Japanese diplomats stationed in Europe and the Near East gathered at the Japanese Embassy here today for a three-day conference during which they will hold a general exchange of ideas.

A Japanese Embassy spokesman said the meetings did not represent a formal conference and no precise agenda had been drawn up.

The Japanese diplomatic representatives, holding such a conference for the first time since the peace treaty was signed 16 months ago, will exchange information on the situation in their respective countries, review Japan's trade with Europe and the Near East and discuss the general world situation.

The Japanese Ambassador in London, Mr Sunichi Matsumoto, is presiding over the meeting which is also being attended by Mr Shima, head of the European division at the Japanese Office in Tokyo.

Japanese diplomats from the following capitals are taking part in the conference: London, Paris, Brussels, The Hague, Rome, Stockholm, Berne, Geneva, Belgrade, Bonn, Cairo and the Vatican.—Reuter.

Taking Sting Out Of Bee-Keeping

Chichester, Jan. 15.

A new strain of non-stinging, non-swarming bees has been developed by artificially inseminating queen bees under an anesthetic.

This was announced by Dr C. W. Read, chairman of the West Sussex Bee-keepers Association, who said the strain is the result of five years of painstaking work with microscopic instruments.

The bees, known as Strain No. 58, were developed for use in bee-keeping instruction for children.

Dr Read said that four or five generations of selected bees had been experimented with every year for the past five years. The experiments included the artificial insemination of queen bees after the bees had been anesthetised with carbon dioxide.—Associated Press.

Effect Of Australian Import Cuts

Sydney, Jan. 15.

An official of the Amalgamated Tobacco Corporation Limited said today that the Company's move to establish a cigarette factory at Flemington, Sydney, was a consequence of Australian restrictions on imports.

The Company is spending more than £A250,000 on the factory.

The spokesman said it was proposed to manufacture about 7,000,000 cigarettes a week initially and employ about 100 people.

The brand of cigarette to be manufactured had not yet been decided upon. It might be one of the Company's established Australian makes or a new cigarette altogether.

Although the Federal Government had granted import licences to allow the company to bring in un-manufactured leaf from the Sterling Area, no dollar licences had been granted.

Australian tobacco would be blended with imported leaf.—Reuter.

Women Plan To Enter Big Air Race

Melbourne, Jan. 15.

Four women are planning to fly an Avro Anson plane from London to New Zealand in the Centenary Air Race in October.

The plane was formerly used by the Duke of Gloucester while Governor-General of Australia.

They bought it from the Government at a nominal figure and are now looking for finance—about £A2,500—for petrol.

The women are Mrs Freda Thompson who has already flown twice solo from England to Australia; Mrs Gertrude McKenzie (who has 1,200 flying hours); Mrs Constance Jordan, Australia's only woman aeronautical engineer who has 500 solo hours; and Mrs Evelyn Koren, 200 solo hours.

First prize in the handicap division of the Air Race is £10,000.—Reuter.

LINER FORCED TO RETURN

London, Jan. 15.

The Peninsular and Orient liner Strathmore, 23,580 tons, which left Tilbury last night with 900 passengers for India, Ceylon and Australia, returned to port today with engine trouble.

The liner is expected to be delayed for about a week, a P. and O. official said.

Passengers included Air Vice-Marshal Sir Robert George, who was on his way to take up his appointment as Governor of South Australia.—Reuter.

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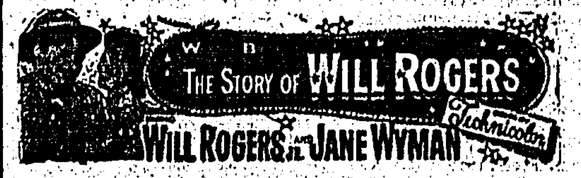

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Total Repudiation Of Communism By Asian Socialists

Rangoon, Jan. 15.

The biggest conference of Asian Socialists ever held ended its 10-day session here today with a declaration of total rejection of Communism as degrading.

Eight countries—Burma, Indonesia, India, Israel, Japan, Malaya, Pakistan and Egypt—sent full delegations to the conference and observers attended from other Middle East and Asian countries.

The former British Labour Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, was there as a fraternal delegate from the Socialist International.

The two hundred delegates today expressed their determination to continue the struggle to supersede capitalism and feudalism by Democratic Socialism.

A policy statement, unanimously approved at the plenary session, said Democratic Socialism avoided totalitarian forms of government and mass coercion.

But Communism as practised in Russia and its satellites had degenerated "into a regime of complete subordination of individual and group to a centralised power of the leadership of the ruling party."

The conference condemned Colonialism, whether of the old form or of the new totalitarian type.

MUST HELP

"Asia must help all Colonial peoples to rise erect and unbowed so that they may strive together in co-operation with others for world order, free from slavery, hunger and war," a resolution declared.

The conference also condemned the imposition by force from outside of totalitarian regimes in Europe and Asia.

Four resolutions supporting freedom of movements in Malaya, Kenya, Uganda and North Africa were passed.

The resolution on Malaya said: "The conference condemns the use of terror, whether by the British Administration or the Communist insurgents in Malaya, and appeals to the people of Malaya to rally round the Democratic Socialist forces so that an independent and Socialist Malaya may emerge."

The Kenya resolution blamed the Kenya Colonial Government for "the unhappy state of affairs."

ECONOMIC COUNCIL

The conference urged speedy reforms in Uganda, and on North Africa recommended an Asian-African conference to discuss ways of aiding North African liberation movements.

The conference also approved a scheme to set up an Asian economic council to improve production in Asia.

The delegates accepted that Asian countries needed external aid for development, but they recommended that, to avoid dangers, this aid should be sought and received in a co-ordinated manner.

Through a world development authority controlled by the United Nations.

The delegates said Asian Socialists looked upon the principles of the United Nations Charter as holding out the best hope for the maintenance of world peace.

A resolution on "Asia and world peace" said Asian co-operation would have to take into account the fact that Asian countries, not yet indentified with one of the power blocs, were committed to a Democratic system of government.

They were committed to defend Democracy against all threats, internal as well as external.

"This commitment does not impair the freedom of each country to pursue an independent foreign policy," the resolution added.

The conference also adopted a resolution condemning South Africa's Apartheid (racial segregation) policy as "brutal oppression."—Reuter.

BRITISH COMMENT

Manchester, Jan. 15.

Today's Manchester Guardian called the decision of the Asian Socialist parties to set up a permanent international organisation separate from, but in close contact with, the existing Western International a compromise, reflecting the "neutralism" of the region.

It said the Asian Socialists, in common with almost all other political leaders there, hoped their countries could play the part of Sweden or Switzerland in the event of an armed conflict between the Western world and the Communist bloc.

The decision also arose out of a belief that the aims of Asian Socialists—who are still greatly preoccupied with the issue of freedom from Colonial rule—are not identical at all points with those of Western Socialists.

"Nevertheless, the establishment of close contact with the Western International is to be one of the four pillars of policy of the new Asian conference and, as Mr Hokhale, the Indian delegate, said, the relationship will be susceptible of organic development.

"There may be other contacts between the two international Socialist organisations. The Indian, Israeli, Malayan and right-wing Japanese Socialists are already affiliated on a party basis to the Western International and, if the rules of the new Asian body are elastically drawn, these four parties may be additional bridges between East and West," the paper added.—Reuter.

Fuel Shortage In Hungary

Vienna, Jan. 15.

Budaprst is suffering from an acute fuel shortage, according to travellers arriving in Vienna.

They said that rationed fuel, which had been paid for during the Summer, was not available now that intensely cold weather had set in.

Wood cost the equivalent of more than £50 a ton.—Reuter.

ESTONIAN OFFICIALS DISMISSED

Stockholm, Jan. 15

Tallin radio today reported that the Estonian High Council, in a plenary session yesterday, dismissed two Vice-Premiers—Alexander Ansberg and Heinrich Ajo.

The radio gave no reason for the dismissals but said the High Council (Supreme Praesidium) approved them.

The radio did not name any direct successor but said Albert Vendelin had been appointed a Vice-Premier.

Vendelin is a comparatively unknown name in the Estonian radio and in Estonian newspapers reaching Stockholm.

Soviet Estonia has four Vice-Premiers.

This is the second dismissal of Ministers since Estonia's incorporation in the Soviet Union in June, 1940.

In 1950, the entire Cabinet was dismissed and replaced by Estonians who had lived in Russia during Estonia's years of independence.

The plenary session of the Estonian Supreme Soviet unanimously adopted the revised constitution of the Republic yesterday, Moscow Radio announced.—Reuter.

Fewer Orders For Britain

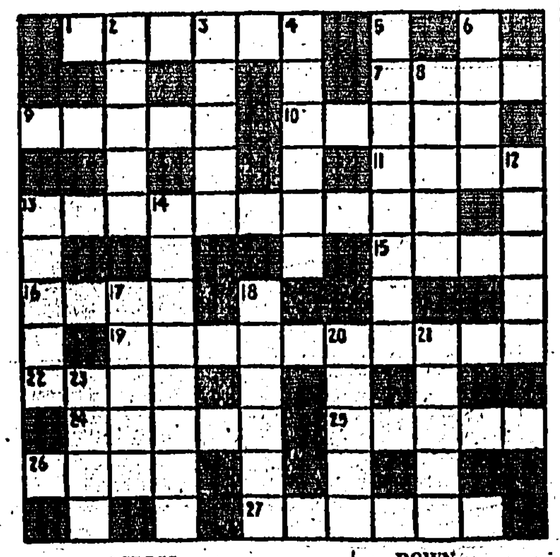
London, Jan. 15.

The Financial Times commented today on the "ominous trend" in orders for oil tankers in which Britain has lost ground to Germany and the United States.

"The United Kingdom has consolidated its position as the leading owner, but while the total of new orders has risen, the United Kingdom's orders have actually contracted.

"The fall in Swedish and Japanese orders, it is true, has been much bigger. On the other hand, orders placed in the United States and Germany have risen by nearly 10 per cent and over 25 per cent, respectively."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Dance (6).
7 Dappled (4).
9 Peeved (5).
10 Soothes (5).
11 Compass point (4).
13 Keeping in condition (10).
15 Clergyman (4).
16 Brace (4).
19 Downcast (10).
22 Is sorry (4).
24 Adhesive (5).
25 Bunk (5).
26 Fish (4).
27 Fears (6).

DOWN

2 Residence (5).
3 Follow on (5).
4 Niche (6).
5 Grand (6).
6 Not so much (4).
8 Likeness (5).
12 Doctrine (5).
13 Journal (5).
14 Accented (6).
17 Perfect (5).
18 Feast (6).
20 Illustrious (5).
21 Went wrong (5).
23 Preposition (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 6 Aerate, 4 Revue, 7 Poster, 8 Merit, 10 Loom, 12 Relater, 15 Rigid, 16 Test, 17 Even, 19 Defer, 20 Desires, 21 Smug, 23 Plain, 24 Stance, 25 Amber, 26 Causes. Down: 1 Appalled, 2 Restores, 3 Tied, 5 Elevates, 6 Unities, 9 Codes, 11 Minimise, 12 Rider, 18 Terminus, 14 Stagger, 18 Volum, 22 Merry.

Armistice Official Accused

Tel-Aviv, Jan. 15.

Israel today accused the United Nations Chairman of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission of bias in handling disputes between Israel and Jordan.

The Chairman is General Bennet Deridder of Belgium.

An Israeli Army spokesman said three Israeli soldiers and one civilian driving instructor had been held by the Jordan authorities since January 4 for crossing the border by mistake.

The spokesman said this detention was a clear violation of the agreement between Jordan and Israel of December 30, 1952, and General Deridder had been told that, unless the four Israelis were returned forthwith, the agreement would be considered null and void.

General Deridder's attitude, the spokesman alleged, was encouraging Jordanians to violate the agreements that had been repeatedly signed.—Reuter.

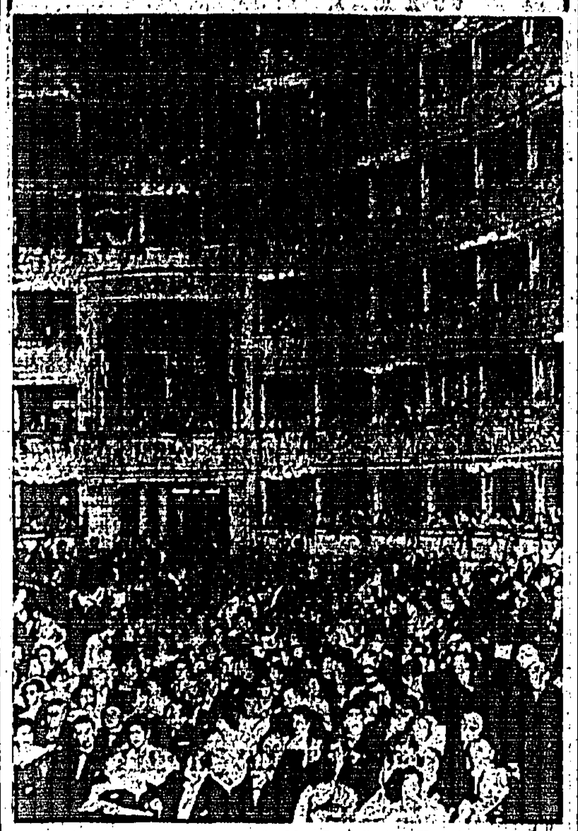
CHEESE RATION INCREASED

London, Jan. 15.

The cheese ration will be increased from one ounce to an ounce and a half a week from January 25, the Ministry of Food announced today.

The Ministry said the increase is made possible by increased home production and bigger shipments from the Dominions.—Reuter.

Scala Season Starts



The impressive scene inside La Scala Theatre, Milan, on the opening night of the internationally famous Scala Opera's Season. Violetta Elvin, the British ballerina from Sadler's Wells, is dancing at La Scala as guest ballerina throughout the season.—Express Photo.

Knotty Question Facing Indian Congress Party

Hyderabad, Jan. 15.

India's governing Congress Party begins three-day convention sessions here on Saturday with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru firmly in the party saddle for another two-year term.

Mr Nehru accepted nomination unopposed as Congress President six weeks ago, clearing the agenda for talks on how to win country-wide support for his new five-year plan and such international issues as Soviet rejection of the Indian Korean plan.

Knottiest domestic question facing the expected 6,200 delegates is the Communist-inspired movement now gaining momentum throughout India for redistribution of States along language lines.

Congress leaders must decide whether to make good on the promise they repeated throughout the independence movement to carve out new States. At present, the boundaries of India's 27 States take no account of the 10 major languages.

In some places, such as the South Indian States of Hyderabad and Madras, four distinct languages prevail in different regions. The State Legislatures have become babel-like since the 1951 General Elections, which produced many legislators unable to speak in English—long the sole common denominator in multi-lingual States.

Foes of linguistic redistribution fear the "Balkanisation" of India into disunited, warring provinces. Anti-Communist elements point to the increased Red political strength which would follow linguistic States.

STRONG INFLUENCE

The convention will discuss the linguistic States issue barely a month after the death of fasting Madras Gandhian leader Potti Sriramulu forced Mr Nehru to promise creation of a new Andhra State for 22,000,000 Telegu-speaking people.

As an example of Communist gains in linguistic redistribution, the 375-member Madras Legislature, with the biggest share of Communists elected anywhere in India, includes only 60 Red members. But 41 of the 60 come from Andhra, where the Communists have long concentrated. Thus the Communists would be able to exercise dangerously strong influence—and possibly capture control—if the 144 Andhra Solons formed a separate State.

Communist organising strategy has built up the Party's strength on a linguistic basis. This Party would have greater impact on the body politic in a manner similar to the Andhra situation if new homogeneous States are formed of the Marathi-speaking areas now straddling Bombay, Madhya, Pradesh, and Hyderabad States, the adjacent Malayan-speaking regions of Madras and Travencore-Cochin, and other common-language units.

The selection of Hyderabad as the site for the Congress sessions has been viewed by observers as a bid for Congress support in this strategic State. Warring Congress factions and the crucial role of multi-lingual Hyderabad in the future of the linguistic States issue pose a stiff public relations job for Mr Nehru and his lieutenants in this Communist stronghold adjoining Andhra.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN CALL FOR VIGILANCE

Moscow, Jan. 16.

F. Kozlov, Secretary of the Leningrad Regional Communist Party Committee, writing in the magazine Kommunist, has called for sharpened vigilance against foreign spies.

He said such vigilance was needed in order to prevent spy penetration into both the party and the Soviet Government.

Kozlov in particular warned that "agents of foreign intelligence services are intensively seeking weak and insecure places among certain unstable levels of our intelligentsia."

The Leningrad Party chief emphasised repeatedly in his article dangers arising from persons who formerly belonged to various anti-party groups or organisations.

Kozlov named specific cases of what he called alien elements getting into various sectors of the party and Government work in Leningrad because of poor vigilance of Party organs there.

He said certain of these people got into the institute on the history of the Party and also other ideological organisations.—Associated Press.

Food Prices On Increase

New York, Jan. 15.

Wholesale food prices rose for the fourth consecutive weekly period this week, Dun and Bradstreet Incorporated reported today.

The statistical agency's index—based on the cost per pound of 31 commodities in general use—rose to US$6.25. This compares with US$6.23 a week earlier and US$7.57 for the same week a year ago.—United Press.

STRONG BUT NOT RECKLESS

Dulles' Outline Of Foreign Policy

New York, Jan. 15.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today gave its unanimous approval to President-elect Eisenhower's choice of John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State.

The vote came only a minute after Mr Dulles had completed two hours of testimony before the committee.

Senators did not bother to close the hearing room doors to take the vote.

Mr Eisenhower cannot formally submit Mr Dulles' name until after he takes office on Jan. 20.

Mr Dulles told the committee that as Secretary of State he would try to find "policies that are strong but not reckless that will end peril (in foreign affairs) without a dying spasm of total violence."

A standing room only crowd gathered for the public hearings.

Under questioning by the committee chairman, Senator Alexander Wiley, Republican, Wisconsin, he gave these assurances:

1. He will consult Congress in the formative stages of foreign policy rather than after a programme is worked out so that it is hard for the lawmakers to reject it.

2. He will work not merely for containment of aggressive international Communism but try to develop active policies to destroy its "monolithic character."—Associated Press.

TIME FOR INITIATIVE & COURAGE

New York, Jan. 14.

The Canadian Finance Minister, Mr D. C. Abbott, tonight urged the United States to join the British Commonwealth in working out a more positive approach to world trade and currency problems.

The time is ripe for courageous and positive steps and calculated risks by the free world's expanding production and trade, he said.

In spite of some disappointment in solving world economic needs, the aid given by America and Canada had succeeded magnificently in restoring the physical damage of war, he continued.

He said: "Production in most of these (European) countries is now greater than ever before. We now have a basis for a more positive approach to trade and currency arrangements. We have an opportunity for new initiative."

Mr Abbott took part in the recent Commonwealth economic conference in London. He said the conference made a significant beginning in outlining policies aimed at creating trade, not aid.

"During the months ahead," he said, "we shall wish to work out together a concrete and practical programme. In this the positive co-operation of the United States is vital."—United Press.

Russian Discovered Penicillin!

London, Jan. 15.

Russian scientists are now honouring the memory of the man who discovered penicillin, Moscow Radio said today.

He's a Russian, of course, they say.

His name was Andrei Polotebnov, and—says Moscow—he did his work with the antibiotic long before Sir Alexander Fleming, the Western-recognised discoverer of Penicillin.

Sir Alexander discovered the drug in 1929. For his work he was awarded the 1945 Nobel Prize in Medicine.

But Moscow Radio said Polotebnov used penicillin 91 years ago for a skin treatment.

The Soviet Academy of Medical Sciences will mark the anniversary this year of Polotebnov's death by publishing works "proving his priority in the use of penicillin," the Moscow broadcast added.—Associated Press.

To Shoot Seals

London, Jan. 15.

Salmon fishermen at Whitby, Yorkshire, have been given permission to shoot seals which snatch fish and tear nets.—Reuter.

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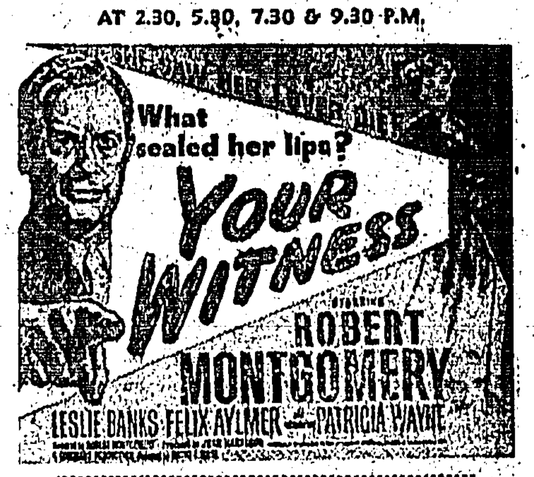

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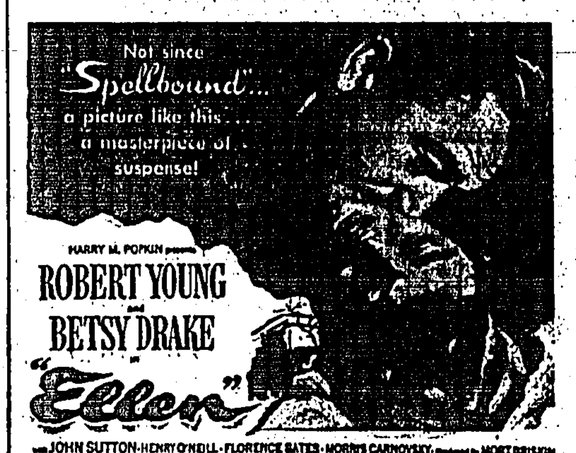

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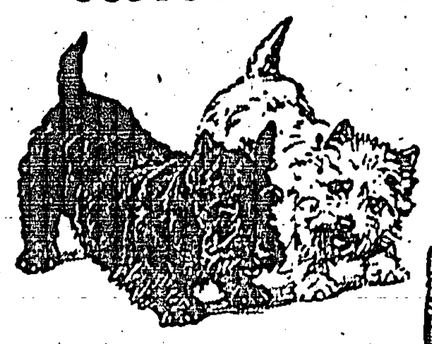

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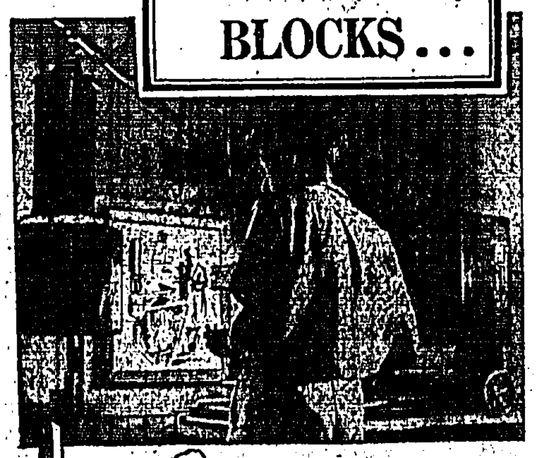

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THE GIRL WITH WORLD'S MOST TERRIFYING JOB

By KENT STEVENS

I SAT terrified. My hands clutched the arms of my seat. My nerves were strung taut. I could hardly breathe.

High above me in the Harringay Arena a lovely girl named Pinito del Oro was performing on a trapeze. She swung back and forth, from side to side and in ever-widening circles.

She stood now on one knee, now on two toes, now on one toe. As a climax she stood on her head and read a newspaper.

—AND SHE DID ALL THESE THINGS WITHOUT USING HER HANDS.

Fifty feet below her stood a man. He watched, as we all watched, with muscles tensed, his eyes never leaving the crazy girl in the air. But he moved; he circled as she circled, walked forward and backward, from side to side, always keeping pace with the trapeze.

Sound of Music

For he is Pinito's "safety net," waiting to catch her should she fall. He is also her husband—and they are desperately in love.

Come backstage with me to meet them. Pinito is 21, beautiful, sloe-eyed and sleek; only five feet tall and weighs eight stone. Her voice is soft and when she speaks it is like the sound of music. She smiles often; when she looks at Juan her eyes light up.

Juan, her husband, is 30 and small, too, for a man; only 5ft. 5in. and weighs 9st. 6lb. But he is wiry and strong. He smiles often, and when he looks at Pinito his eyes are proud.

Pinito is the youngest of 19 children. She was born in the Canary Islands of circus parents and walked her first wire when she was 12, the day before her mother died.

Juan comes from Madrid. He ran away from home at 15 and later joined the navy. One day his ship put in at Cadiz. He went to the local circus, saw Pinito, and fell in love.

Pinito combed Juan's hair gently as she told me: "He wooed me with flowers and I wooed him by teaching him tricks on the trapeze and the wires because he wished to share my danger."

Two years later they were married and Juan began his task of protecting her from death, twice daily. Three times they have almost lost. Once all was well, no one was hurt. But one day, in Madrid a year after their marriage, Pinito slipped and fell head first.

Knocked Out

"In that moment one does not think," she said. "Panic possesses you."

And what was Juan thinking?

"Only to catch her—in any way I could. I slapped her head and back at the same time in opposite directions to make her spin round. She fell on me. That is all I remember."

He was knocked out. Pinito was carried to her dressing-room, unhurt. But Juan was two days in hospital.

They laugh at that now. But they do not laugh, or even talk, about "the great fall"—in Granada five years ago. Pinito fell 40ft., split her chin, fractured her skull, broke her ribs and a leg and suffered cerebral haemorrhage. She was unconscious for 15 days.

During their four years of marriage they have travelled the world. For months they were in the U.S., with the world-famous Ringling, Barnum and Bailey circus. And it was Pinito who trained Betty Hutton for her role in "The Greatest Show on Earth." She doubled for Betty, too, in the long shots.

NOW they are in Britain for the first time, defying death for 20 minutes a day and half an hour on Saturdays. I wondered if they were as terrified as their audiences.

"Not so much," said Pinito. "We are afraid, yes, but we try not to think about it."

Does anything *really* frighten Pinito, whose name means Little Golden Pine"?

"Yes," she said, "*la cucaracha*"—the cockroach.

POCKET CARTOON
By OSBERT LANCASTER

"In any case it's certain to work out a whole lot cheaper than going to the Abbey by bus!"

'TIME' AT 6 p.m. LEADS TO ALL THIS

DOWN UNDER —THE TABLE

From ARTHUR MORLEY

Sydney.

BRASH, bustling Sydney, "the New York of the South Seas," is feeling so much like New York these days that it hurts.

Its British population is shocked to find that in addition to American-style skyscrapers, stores and big business they have an unsavoury mess of big-time racketeering.

The scandal broke when a Royal Commission was appointed by the New South Wales Government to inquire into the State's liquor industry.

Since then eight prominent Sydney men have been arrested for perjury (though not all were convicted) and high police officers have been called into the witness box to explain how they got their thousands of pounds of savings or assets.

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Forty-nine Sydney night clubs were found to be peddling liquor illegally and lorries of black market bottled beer were being delivered to night clubs.

Informants, notably night club girls, said they feared "bashings" as reprisals.

At the conclusion of the hearing New South Wales Premier Cahill announced that his Cabinet had approved a proposal that Mr Justice Maxwell, head of the Royal Commission, should travel abroad, particularly to England and the Continent, to study other people's drinking laws and habits.

The background to the scandal is the fact that all Sydney hotels must stop selling liquor at 6 p.m. This has given rise to what is known here as "The Great Swill." Thirsty workers crowd into bars as soon as they finish a day's work, trying to cram down drinks before they are thrown out at six.

Everybody deprecates the position, but nobody does anything about it. The politicians feel that a sensible extension of drinking hours would lose them the votes of church and temperance people.

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Another factor is that bottled beer is scarce and so goes into the black market.

The Royal Commission hearing started quietly enough. Then it was told by a girl night club cashier that police warnings had been given to Caronia Club, Sydney, of the possibility of police raids. The police received chicken, beers and sandwiches without charge there, she claimed.

Later, Metropolitan Police Superintendent W.C.S. Thompson agreed before the Commission that many night clubs were conducted "in flagrant breach of the law," but he did not believe that police were being paid protection money.

In further evidence it was claimed that former Metropolitan Police Superintendent Sweeney's assets increased by £6,000 between 1942 and 1950 when, Sweeney claimed, he had won £3,000 on racecourse bets. Metropolitan Superintendent Thompson's assets increased by £11,000. He told the Commission he had won £7,000 betting.

It soon became evident that much of the bottled beer the ordinary Sydney resident could not buy was being syphoned off into expensive night clubs after being stored by the thousands of dozen in dumps around the suburbs. An army of racketeers and spivs were employed in the "industry," protecting their business by intimidation.

One sergeant was suspended during the hearings and a number of police officers asked the taxation department's permission to amend their tax returns.

That is how the matter rests. The hearings have ended. Sydney is wondering whether a little less of the New York atmosphere and a little more of the London might not be a good thing. The Government is waiting for the facts before making the inevitable reforms.

CORONATION CRESCENDO in Tin Pan Alley

By FRANCIS MARTIN

London.

EVERY other village organist and one suburban piano teacher in three share the illusion that they have written *the* song hit of the Coronation season.

This, at any rate, is my impression after a round of music publishers from Tin Pan Alley (Charing Cross Road) to sedater and more historic houses a mile or so further west. Ever since the Accession, manuscripts of Coronation ballads, marches and waltzes have been showering upon individual publishers at the rate of up to 50 a week.

The manuscripts are assessed by exploitation men known to the trade as song pluggers, who sit at upright pianos or baby grands in smoke-fugged cubby-holes strumming and humming their way through oceans of trash. For the quality of these Coronation compositions is poor on the whole. Not one piece in a thousand has the remotest chance of seeing print.

A fair trial

BEFORE being thrown out they are, however, given a fair enough trial. They are considered from all musical angles, including the academic.

One of the busiest exploitation men in the West End is 27-year-old Charles Beardsall, who spends two hours and a half daily on manuscript sampling.

Beardsall came down from Cambridge with a Mus.Bac. degree as well as the M.A. in his pocket. He can analyse a Bach fugue or a Byrd motet with the best, but three years on the outskirts of Tin Pan Alley have given him equal insight into "pops," short for popular numbers.

In eight months Beardsall has tasted 240 Coronation pieces, some of them from faraway addresses, including Honduras, the Punjab, Jamaica, Kenya, Vancouver.

Of the 240 total he has rejected 160 himself as hopeless. The other 80 were thrown out at fortnightly sessions of the firm's vetting committee, a synod of shrewd, hard-bitten specialists who know exactly what it takes in time and money to get a number sung and played by the right people on records and radio.

EXPLOITATION MAN
Charles Beardsall.

The experience of Beardsall and his vetting committee is typical. Most pluggers, when asked about the quality of the stuff they are combing out, nip their noses expressively: "It stinks, brother."

£20,000 song

MOST song writers are out for money and fame in equal parts. They have all heard how Haydn Wood sold a million and a quarter copies of "Roses of Picardy" in less than 30 years, making a cool £20,000 out of it.

Another thing: once a song-writer really gets into the vein there is no getting him out of it. At 70, Haydn Wood is as full of tunes as a June blackbird. One morning in 1951 he sat down after breakfast and started writing a march-song. "Princess Elizabeth of England," to words by W. E. St. L. Finny. Before bedtime he had finished his setting, which went promptly to the printer and the recording studio, where it was sung by a girls' choir.

A sheet edition of 3,000 and a stack of records were put on a liner for Australia. They were to have arrived conveniently ahead of the Princess's projected visit early last year. Then the King died. Music and records were withdrawn and scrapped before they could reach the market.

The number is now in print a second time, with Princess deleted from the title and a retailored lyric rejoicing in Elizabeth as Queen.

3d. royalty

TO win the status of a Coronation hit, a song would have to sell at least 100,000 copies in six or eight weeks. At threepence-a-copy royalty in the case of a half-crown ballad, this would yield the composer an undivided £1,250, supposing him to have written the words as well as the music.

Fees for radio and other performances would swell his takings to £1,500: not a bad return for a couple of day's work in the case of a slick writer.

On the Tin Pan Alley wing, where sheet-music still sells as low as a shilling a copy, the royalty on a 100,000 sale would be only £500. But Alley numbers, sweeter or hotter than ballads, often have a bigger vogue on records. Bearing in mind gramophone as well as radio takings, an Alley hit should make its writer better off by £1,200 or £1,300 almost at a stroke.

But, though publishers' gambles are many, hits are few. Only one out of twelve "pops" so much as earns its keep: owing to high exploitation costs the rest are printed at a dead loss.

Not surprisingly, Tin Pan Alley is tending to avoid gambles. Publishers are thumbing through back catalogues and disinterring songs and marches which made the grade at former crownings.

Walter Partridge's Coronation Bells, written for the Coronation of Edward VII (1902), is in the shop windows for a fourth time, with new words pinned to its middle-section melody. The words were jointly written by three lyric writers under the collective name of J. Bull. The publisher warmly praises the lyric, describing it as "light and strong." Sample:

Long may she reign in glory,
May all her years bring peace serene,
Ring, ring out those Coronation bells—
God bless our gracious Queen!

Peace, prayer

CORONATION song sentiments do not change much. The Queen is praised by published and unpublished writers alike, not only because she is young but also because she is head of the Fighting Forces.

Peace and prayer are important. But also we must be prepared. Nobody is writing patriotic music atonally or in three keys at once. Simple harmonies and swinging tunes are recognised as best. There is no beating the Rule, Britannia, idiom.

THE FOUR HUNDRED BECOME THE 30,000

By EVELYN IRONS

New York.

NEW YORK, a city which hitherto has been interested only in the future, is now turning back to its past. People are getting sentimental about the old days when Society was spelt with a capital S.

There is a sudden flow of books about the old days, and the public are lapping them up. Several of them quote the story of Mrs E. T. Stotesbury, the celebrated hostess, who explained the 14-carat gold taps in her bathrooms by saying, "They're very economical. You don't have to polish them, you know."

Once upon a time New York Society was limited to 400. They were the "best people" in the days when Mrs William Astor's parties were limited to just that number. How many are there now?

Well, the Social Register contains something like 30,000 names. (The Social Register is a jealously studied list that is drawn up afresh every year by a secret panel of selectors who publish it in a little black book.)

TWO GROUPS

But a good many of those 30,000 would certainly not qualify for Society as it was defined in the days of the 400. They fall into two groups.

One is Cafe Society—the name given to the rich celebrities who go out to be seen at the Twenty-One, the Cub Room at the Stock Club, and other costly New York resorts. Some of them can afford it. There is a name for them—"the solid gold swizzle-stick set." But there are the others—expense account Society. A recent questionnaire circulated to the leading New York restaurants and night resorts revealed that more than 60 per cent of the clients were people paying their way on expense accounts.

The expense account spenders get priority everywhere—not only for restaurant tables, but in bookings for theatres and Pullman reservations and hotel rooms.

Rising taxation and the decline of great houses have affected American society habits in New York as they have in London. There is no hostess now in New York like the great Mrs Cornelius Vanderbilt, friend of Queen Mary and the Duke of Windsor. She was an outspoken autocrat who entertained 100,000 guests in one year—more than the White House. Her Christmas afternoon parties with a red-coated orchestra playing waltzes, and queues of visitors lining up to sign the visitors' book in the hall, were a New York institution.

Her jewels were insured for £1,000,000: she had 44 servants in her old Fifth Avenue house, now demolished. She was the first great New York hostess to receive the Duke and Duchess of Windsor after the Abdication.

OUTSTANDING

But here is a list of the women whom New York recognises as the outstanding hostesses of today:

MRS WILLIAM WOODWARD, wife of the millionaire banker whose horses are trained in England by Boyd-Rochfort and who has been obstinately trying to win the Derby for the past 27 years. His stables are said to be worth something like £1,000,000. His Belair stud is famous. Mrs Woodward is a great patron of music: likes to entertain people to intimate meals after the opera. Her town house is one of the few surviving private homes with a great ballroom.

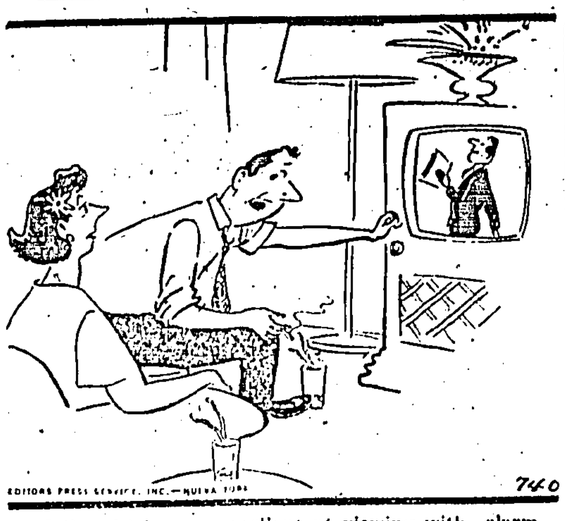
MRS GEORGE BAKER, millionaire banker's widow. She is giving a big dance shortly for her granddaughter, Diana Taller.

MRS GEORGE BAKER, JUNIOR, her daughter-in-law.

MRS LYTLE HULL, great charity committee woman, for 25 years director of the Philharmonic-Symphony Society of New York, a pianist herself. Divorced Vincent Astor, who inherited a £27 million fortune, twelve years ago: there was a property settlement.

MRS CORNELIUS VANDERBILT WHITNEY, also to the fore at charity entertainments, where she sometimes sings. Her husband, "Sonny," is the third generation of a family which has led American horse breeding and racing.

MRS WINSTON GUEST, pretty blonde wife of the polo player, who is a second cousin of Winston Churchill, his godfather. He is the ex-husband of a Woolworth heiress.



"I thought he was excellent at viewing with alarm but sort of weak on the pointing with pride."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

IN the days when I had not to recognised it as being 100,000,000 years old.

stamp my foot on the floor of Balaitous to start a party in 40 Pyrenean valleys there was, at the fair of Barbastro, a skinny horse, a direct descendant of the mule line. In answer to questions answered questions by nodding his head up and down or sideways. He was an old-fashioned nag, for I read that a horse in America answers questions by banging its enormous typewriter with its knee instead of keys. Hephaestus, I believe that in 7,350,119 years he could have Scott's "Marmion" in fine printing fashion. I look forward to the day when a business man will say to his boss: "Take a letter, Hucephalus."

Champagne for the girls

"Champagne!" he cried. "Champagne for all the girls!" (From a novel.)

GOOD for him! That is the way to do it. No reasons about consulting the wine list and ordering a couple of cheap bottles for the whole crew. That cry meant the best champagne, and lashings of it. O my Romano, O my Kettner, noble Ritz and Hotel Cecil did you not hear those words when the last of the dinner gala had been collected from the stage door of Daly's and the Gaiety, and the barouche had jingled along to the restaurants? Some of those girls are still drinking champagne, others have nothing left of the great days but faded photographs and memories by a lodging-house fire.

Vous serez au foyer une vieille accroupie . . .

Earle Welby's toast

SOME note on how to begin a speech omitted Earle Welby's triumph "To absent friends, coupled with the name of the wine-waiter!" that Welby, who, standing in Waterloo Station, repeated the line of Victor Hugo:—

Waterloo, Waterloo, Waterloo! Morne plaine.

And again, it was Welby who said of a vegetarian who was sickened by his diet, "*Sed custare nolles, sed pro patria.*"

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Be Very Cautious In Use of 'Safety Play'

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand poses a bridge player's riddle: When is a safety play not a safety play?

When this hand was played in the Pittsburgh tournament, many declarers won the first trick in dummy with the king of clubs, cashed the ace of hearts, and then led a small heart toward dummy. West naturally played low, and some of the declarers then made the "safety play" of finessing dummy's eight of hearts.

East won with the jack of hearts and returned a club, forcing out dummy's ace. West's last trump was drawn with dummy's king and South then began on the diamonds. Unfortunately, the diamonds failed to break, and South had to use his last trump to get to dummy's ace.

This left declarer with no way to dispose of dummy's losing club, so he eventually lost a club as well as a trump, for a one-trick defeat.

The successful declarers didn't bother with the dangerous "safety play." After winning the first trick in dummy with the king of clubs, they promptly cashed the ace and king of hearts. They then led out their top diamonds, permitting West to ruff if he wished to do so.

It didn't really matter what West did. South had two trumps left, and could ruff a diamond to set up that suit and still have a trump to take care of dummy's losing club.

The "safety play" in trumps would have been a good idea if the hand presented no other problem. It would have been the correct play, for example, if dummy had held five diamonds headed by the king-queen-jack.

In the actual hand, South had to decide whether to take out insurance against a 4-1 trump break or against a 4-2 diamond break. The bad break in diamonds was much more likely than the bad break in hearts, so declarer could not afford the luxury of a "safety play" in trumps.

	NORTH	22
	♠ 6	
	♥ K 9 8 6	
	♦ K Q 7 6 3	
	♣ A K 6	
WEST		EAST
♠ K 9 5 2		♠ Q 7 3
♥ Q 6 2		♥ J 7
♦ 9 4		♦ J 10 8 2
♣ Q J 10 8		♣ 9 7 4 2
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ A J 10 8 4	
	♥ A 10 4 3	
	♦ A 5	
	♣ 5 3	

Both sides vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 N.T	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣ Q

★ Unusual Finish

An unusual finish is given to this tight fitting black silk dress designed by Pierre Clarence of Paris by a "scarf" of the same material which is brought down through a belt and "flared" out.

WOMANSENSE

BEAUTIFYING EYEBROWS

By HELEN FOLLETT

IN the matter of eyebrows, woman has been lending nature a hand. Perhaps it is only a tidying up, deleting the little fuzzers that have strayed beyond the borders. Sometimes it is definitely changing the design. There is an improvement, if one uses a restraining hand. It is when the weeding is so thorough that the poor eyebrow all but disappears that a beauty error is committed.

For the extra sheen that makes eyebrows look pretty, apply baby lotion and smooth it on brows.

A pat of hot water, a bit of cold cream rubbed on, and the operation is less painful. In course of time the plucked shafts will not return.

Shape of Eyes

Successful arching creates a pattern that conforms to the shape of the eyes. Slanting doe eyes can be even more glamorised if the brows have a slightly upward tilt at the far end. When the soul orbs are round, both inner and outer terminal should droop. By tweezing only on the underside the eyebrow is too far afield from the home base, which is the eave of the eye socket.

Women with large, heavy features should avoid the thin line; it makes the nose look larger, the chin heavier, throwing the features out of harmony.

Not Merely Decorative

Eyebrows are not merely decorative, they serve another purpose as well. They protect the eyes from dust and perspiration to a certain extent.

Their movements betray our emotions. We lift them when we are surprised, draw them together when we are vexed. A shrug of the shoulders, an elevation of the eyebrows, a knowing look and a catty woman can ruin the reputation of another sister. Not a worthy performance, but it has been done.

See that those little crescent moons on your forehead are free of powder, that they are brushed, touched now and then with a soothing liquid like baby lotion that provides lustre.

TRY THIS VERSATILE FOOD TRIO

By ALICE DENHOFF

CRISP mornings give the signal for more substantial food—piping hot dinners with plenty of energy-giving goodness.

High on the list of cold-weather food favourites we find such staples as pork, sauerkraut, apples, and what's better than to combine these three nutritious and thrifty foods? There's really no limit to the tempting dishes possible with this versatile trio, so we've worked out some as a starter for your files.

Man-Sized Main Dish

First, a hefty, man-sized main dish of sauerkraut with pork hocks, the recipe to serve 4-6.

Wipe 4-6 fresh pork with a damp paper towel. Combine 2 tbsp. flour, tsp. salt, and some freshly ground pepper; dredge pork hocks. Melt tbsp. butter in a large heavy skillet; brown pork slowly, then add 2 sliced, medium-sized onions, cooking until brown. Add one c. tomato juice. Cover tightly; cook 1½ hours, or until meat is tender. Add a No. 2½ tin sauerkraut; cook uncovered until thoroughly heated. Sprinkle ½ tsp. caraway seeds over kraut before serving. Serve with fresh apple wedges.

Pork Chop Sauerkraut to the tune of 4 servings, comes next. Sprinkle 4 lion pork chops with ½ tsp. salt and freshly ground pepper. Melt tbsp. butter in a heavy skillet; brown pork chops and cook until done. In a saucepan combine a No. 2½ tin sauerkraut, a pared and cubed apple, ½ tsp. caraway seeds, 2 tsp. sugar and freshly ground pepper to suit. Cover and cook 70 min., or until the apple is tender. Serve chops on sauerkraut.

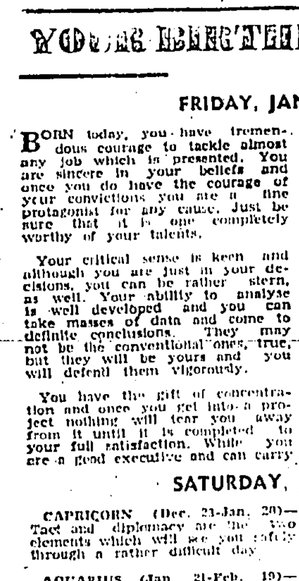
Satisfying Casserole

Sauerkraut and Sausage Casserole is satisfying, satisfactory, and delicious.

To prepare 4-6 servings, mix a No. 2½ tin sauerkraut, 4 whole cloves, one bay leaf and tsp. paprika in a saucepan. Cook over low heat 20 minutes. In a skillet, pan-fry ½ pound link sausages until brown. After sauerkraut is cooked, remove cloves and bay leaf. Add ½ c. sour cream, mixing thoroughly. Pour sauerkraut mixture in a one-quart casserole and top with browned sausages. Cover and bake at 350° F. for 25 minutes. Serve immediately with fresh or tinned applesauce.

Ribbon And Yarn

This easily-made dress is a welcome addition to the home-knitter's wardrobe. Fashioned of ribbon and yarn, it has a simple V neckline and short, cap sleeves. A lacy ribbon stole adds a festive touch for formal occasions.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Punch Is Absent-Minded

—Now He's Forgotten the Answers to His Riddles—

By MAX TRELL

"AH, come in, my dears—come in," Mr Punch said when he spied Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, standing in the doorway to his room.

Mr Punch was sitting at his desk with a pen in his hand and a sheet of paper—in fact, several sheets of paper—in front of him. "I've just written several new riddles," he said. "But a terrible thing has just happened."

Knarf and Hanid quickly went out to their old friend. "Why, what happened, Mr Punch?" Knarf asked.

Hanid said: "Can we do something to help?"

Wrote Them Down

"Well," said Mr Punch, laying the pen down and picking up the sheets of paper with the riddles on them, "perhaps you can help me. This is what happened. I made up the riddles, and carefully wrote them down. Then, when I was all finished writing them, I read them over. And all of a sudden I discovered that I had forgotten the answers!"

"Oh dear!" said Hanid.

"How could you forget the answers?" said Knarf.

"I'm absent-minded," said Mr Punch. "I forget lots of things. Yesterday I forgot to eat dinner. Some mornings I forget to get up. Last week I forgot to open my umbrella while it was raining, and forgot to shut it when I walked in the house. But getting back to my riddles, how am I ever going to remember the answers again? Riddles aren't much good without answers."

Very Good Idea

Hanid now said that she thought Mr Punch ought to read the riddles to Knarf and herself, and they would both try to guess the answers. "Very good idea," nodded Mr Punch. "I'll remember them once I hear them." Then he proceeded to read the first riddle.

I must stand while others sit;
Yet do I mind it? Not a bit!
The truth is this—I like it so;
For I have legs but never go!

It took Hanid only a minute or two to guess the answer, though neither Knarf nor Mr Punch could guess it at all.

"The answer is CHAIR," she said.

"Right, right!" cried Mr Punch. And he quickly wrote CHAIR down after the first riddle so as not to forget it again. Then he read the second one:

A child can make me shake and shiver. But even the great sun is not strong enough to go by when I stand in his way.

This time it was Knarf who entered the answer, "It's a WINDOW SHADE."

Both Hanid and Mr Punch agreed that WINDOW SHADE was the correct answer to the second riddle, although Hanid said, "It might be CURTAIN, too." Nevertheless, Mr Punch hastily wrote down WINDOW SHADE. Then he read the third riddle.

I'm like a thread,
I'm half a ball;
And sometimes I'm not there at all!
But only wait,
Then lift your eyes,
And there I am, a proper size!

"I'll have to guess this one myself," said Mr Punch.

I am sorry to say that neither Knarf nor Hanid could guess the answer to the third riddle, though they tried and tried. "Well," said Mr Punch at last, "I suppose I'll have to guess this one myself. Now let me see. . ."

And he scratched his nose, and rubbed his head, and looked up at a spot on the ceiling, and shut his eyes, and crossed his legs, and nibbled at his fingers, and got up and walked around the room . . . but it was only when he looked out of the window and caught a glimpse of something in the sky that he suddenly shouted: "I've got it! I've got it! The answer is the MOON!"

And Knarf and Hanid said: "Yes! Yes!" and made Mr Punch write that answer down.

"It's awful to be absent-minded," Mr Punch said later. "Suppose I went and forgot my own name and walked all around town looking for Mr Punch? Just think how foolish that would be!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY .... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

BORN today, you have tremendous courage to tackle almost any job which is presented. You are sincere in your beliefs and once you do have the courage of your convictions you are a fine protagonist for any cause. Just be sure that it is one completely worthy of your talents.

Your critical sense is keen and although you are just in your decisions, you can be rather stern, as well. Your ability to analyse is well developed and you can take masses of data and come to definite conclusions. They may not be the conventional ones, true, but they will be yours and you will defend them vigorously.

You have the gift of concentration and once you get into a project nothing will tear you away from it until it is completed to your full satisfaction. While you are a good executive and can carry out projects, you also have creative powers in the arts which should not be neglected. If you feel you are too busy in the early part of your life for these cultural pleasures, then it is likely that as you approach middle age and find leisure at hand, you will delve into the arts. It is possible, too, that you will become more than a "dabbler"—for anything you put your mind to, you usually do professionally.

You are not the impulsive type, but you will know the instant you have met the "one person." An early marriage should be a happy and fruitful one. You are more content, when you have your own home and family circle.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20)—Tact and diplomacy are the two elements which will see you safely through a rather difficult day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be thoroughly realistic when it comes to tackling problems that confront you today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You may be challenged on a point of fact today. If you are sure of it, stick to it fiercely.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—One of those days when you can move mountains! Make the most of the fine aspects.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't rush into anything without giving it plenty of careful thought. Even details are important.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be very careful to follow directions or you may make a serious mistake in reaching an objective.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—What you say, today, may result in special happiness and contentment for you later on.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Better for you to be conservative at this juncture than to experiment too much.

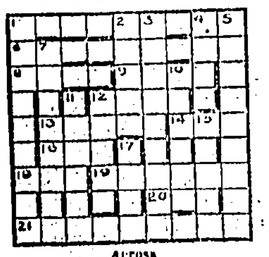
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—There may be a rather unexpected surprise in store. Plans may go wrong, so adapt yourself accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be efficient and stick to a carefully arranged schedule. If you fail to do everything done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Go easy on the critical in that now, for it could have a very unhappy effect on the recipient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Jumping to conclusions on a bit of gossip will be injurious to your future. Check on facts, first.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Lop one six from the burat. (6)
6. Make the tan arrive by story. (9)
8. Sort of pigeon for shooting. (4)
9. Trade in beer? (4)
12. Break up the row. (4)
13. Eliminate a rise. (6)
14. Fit to be a physical trainer? (3)
16. Such sense can't be mine. (3)
18. Let it go, and dance. (3)
19. Morning breaks the race. (6)
20. Such a work is valuable. (3)
21. Become aware of nice ogres. (9)

Down

1. Meet, but not of horses and hounds. (9)
2. Refreshing as a cypher is. (5)
3. Avers the maid in world affairs. (9)
4. Suggests a roast? (6)
5. Bargain. (9)
7. Fall out about what the foreigner consumed. (8)
10. Put the dealer first. (6)
11. Sarcastic. (9)
12. Decapitated branch. (5)
15. Fine work in an afterthought. (6)
17. Expected from 1 Across. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1. Pomidou. 6. Astounded. 10. Digits. 11. Retent. 14. Air. 15. Process. 17. Owe. 18. Face. 19. Staid. 22. Route. 23. Glass. 24. Need. 25. Swear. 1. Passports. 2. Omer. 3. Tunnel. 4. Indispose. 5. Neglected. 7. Ode. 8. Use. 9. Avow. 12. Order. 13. Sauce. 16. Weed. 20. Are. 21. Ill.

CARD Sense

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
3 Hearts	Double	Pass	?

You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-7-3. Hearts 7-5. Diamonds K-8-4. Clubs 8-6-5. What do you do?

A—Bid four spades. You might be obliged to bid three spades on a nearly worthless hand, and your partner might drop you at three spades for fear that you have no strength. Since you don't need such leeway in this case, you should make sure of getting to game.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 7-3-2. Hearts A-Q. Diamonds Q-8-4-2. Clubs Q-8-5-4. What do you do?

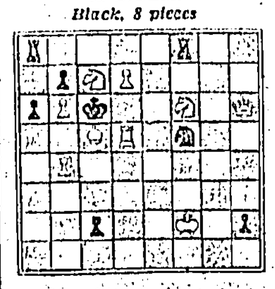
Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. KRAEMER and E. ZEPLER

Black, 8 pieces



White, 9 pieces.

White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, P—K6, any; 2, Q, or Kt mates.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

THE PASSWORD

By T. O. HARE

MR. RABBITT'S daughter, Rachel, left a letter on the breakfast table.

"Dear Rachel" (read Rabbitt)

"Password for the Month.
Sprint is the word Though I should guess
We need but one candle the less

"Yours Lorna."

"Deplorable prosody," said Rabbitt, handing the message to its recipient. "I'd expect something better for my money."

Rachel grinned. "But you haven't found out what our password is, Daddy. I just left it there to baffle you."

"To discover the password," said Rabbitt, "took me exactly two minutes. It's . . ."

He was right, too.

Would your guess be the same as Rabbitt's?

(Solution on Page 10)

Rupert and the Diamond Leaf—27

The little black boy still staring open mouthed, seems pleased rather than frightened at seeing Rupert and beckons him to follow. After so narrowly missing the sea Rupert walks carefully, shuffling his feet to avoid bounding in the air, and before long he is surrounded by more astonished darkies. They prove friendly and bring him some lovely fruit to eat while their leader, talking very fast and very loud, waves his hands above his head. "I wish I knew what he is trying to tell me," thinks Rupert. "I can't understand a word."

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Don't forget your Rupert Annual

SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES—These lounging pyjamas modelled in Chicago by Elda Purrell are another throwback to the roaring twenties. Wide trousers, in blue and white checkerboard pique, give the effect of a skirt, and contrast with the navy top and red belt.

BRITISH BOXERS TO TOUR KOREAN BATTLEFRONT, HONGKONG AND JAPAN

London, Jan. 15.

The British Boxing Champions, Johnny Williams (Heavyweight) and Randolph Turpin (Middleweight) are to tour the Korean battlefront, Hongkong and Japan in the summer.

They will be accompanied by Freddie Mills, former World Lightheavyweight Champion, who is organising the tour, and probably Tommy Farr, former British Heavyweight Champion, who once fought Joe Louis for the world title.

Mills completed arrangements today with the entertainments branch of the War Office. He had hoped to take all eight British champions, but he has been restricted to a party of four.

"Although I have retired from the ring, I am going to box in exhibitions with the party," Mills said.

"We are also going to give talks on sport and arrange quiz programmes.

"I have told the War Office not to trouble about a ring. All we need will be a flat piece of ground to get on with the job."

Mills said the party—was scheduled to fly to Korea in the first or second week in June, but if Williams, Turpin or Farr were engaged in fights, they would wait until afterwards.—Reuter.

BADMINTON RESULTS

The Chinese "Y" beat Club de Recreio in the Mixed Doubles "A" League Badminton match last night by 5-4.

Miss Winnie Cheung and Raymond Young (Chinese "Y") beat Mr and Mrs H.F. Gonsalves 21-17 beat Miss B. Remedios and J.A. Soares 21-17; beat Miss M. Xavier and F.M. Rozario 21-6

Miss Chan Kuoo and Patrick Wong lost to Mr and Mrs Gonsalves 17-21; beat Miss Remedios and Soares 21-17; lost to Miss Xavier and Rozario 20-23

Miss Dorothy Lam and W.F. Foo beat Mr and Mrs Gonsalves 21-17; lost to Miss Remedios and Soares 21-24, lost to Miss Xavier and Rozario 20-24.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1953

Saturday 17th, Wednesday 21st & Saturday 24th Jan. 1953

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club).

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 NOON each day. The tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.)

There are 10 races each day (30 in all).

Through Tickets (30 Races—$60.00) also tickets at $2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 16th January, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

or

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Compradore Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818)

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be $3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

BEING REBUILT

Experts reconstruct the famous bobsleigh run at Garmisch Partenkirchen, Upper Bavaria, Southern Germany, where the World Bobsleigh Championships are to be held during International Wintersports Week at the end of this month. New types of bobsleighs that are to be used have made the rebuilding of the famous run necessary.—Express Photo.

Rugby League Council Chairman Criticises Test Players

London, Jan. 15.

The Chairman of the Rugby League Council, Mr B. Manson, criticised the players of both sides in the Rugby League test match between Australia and Britain at Odsal Stadium, Bradford, last month.

But he said in a report, the Council disclosed today, that too much was made of what he termed unsavoury incidents in the game.

Mr Manson stated in the report that the selection for a test match did not rest solely on the prominent players but they were chosen as representatives of the best in the game.

Any contravention, he added, should be ruthlessly dealt with. Every sportsman deprecated heated altercations and the players of both sides should not have stooped to unworthy tactics which did themselves and the game a considerable amount of harm.

Mr Manson deprecated scenes in the cinema newsreel which he said showed a few fleeting flashes of bouts of fisticuffs.

Mr Manson's report said that the Rugby League Council must insist on suitable exits and entrances for players and officials from playing areas to dressing rooms adding, "It is never a pleasant sight to have a police escort at any time."—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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SUNDERLAND JUST BEAT SCUNTHORPE

London, Jan. 15.

Sunderland, the First Division club, had to fight hard to beat Third Division opponents, Scunthorpe United, 2-1 in their Football Association cup-tie third round replay today.

They were a goal ahead at half time, but Scunthorpe equalised and it was only nine minutes from the end that Sunderland's Welsh International centre-forward scored the winning goal.

Two opportunist goals by Rotherham United brought them through their replay against Colchester United. They now meet the holders, Newcastle United.

Sunderland will meet Burnley in the fourth round.

Results of football matches played today were:

FA CUP
Third Round Replays

Scunthorpe	1	Sunderland	2
Colchester	0	Rotherham	2

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

Coventry	2	Norwich	1
Newport	0	Southend	1
Walsall	0	Shrewsbury	4

—Reuter.

COLONY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Following are the results of Colony Open Squash Championship matches played at Victoria Squash Courts yesterday:

Third Round.—P.L. Holmes beat J. D. Mackie 9-2, 9-3, 9-3; Major Kyte beat D. Coffey 7-9, 9-0, 9-3, 9-3; Lt-Cmdr Cook beat 2/Lt. Richardson 9-3, 9-1, 9-2; Major Fort beat Wing-Cmdr Kettlewell 9-5, 9-0, 9-1.

Quarter-final.—Lt-Col Exler beat R. M. Macpherson 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, 9-4.

CAN ENGLAND BREAK THE SPELL?—SIX NEW CAPS IN WELSH RUGGER XV

By PETER LOVEGROVE

The annual Wales-England match is always one of the highlights of the Home Rugby Union season, but the clash at Cardiff Arms Park on January 17 has even more than usual interest. Wales were last year's Triple Crown winners, England runners-up in the International table, and this encounter could very well decide the 1953 Championship.

It is the 58th meeting between the two countries. Though England have 27 victories to their credit in the series, four more than the Welshmen, they have lost the last four games, and indeed have to go back to 1947 for their last success. This, incidentally, was at Cardiff, when Nim Hall, one of the two survivors of that XV, turned the scales with a brilliant dropped goal.

Hall was then stand-off half, where he still plays for his club and county, but he has lost much of his old dash and speed, and he will captain the side this time from full-back, where England have been moderately represented in past seasons.

This veteran of infinite resource and sagacity is no newcomer to the position—I saw him playing there against Swansea four or five years ago—and he may well make up by intelligent anticipation and positioning what he lacks in fleetness of foot.

The other Englishman still in the XV after six years is the Northampton and East Midlands open-side wing-forward Don White, and no one would call him a veteran. There is no better spoiler or more dashing adventurer in the loose in the country today.

FORWARD STRENGTH

Last year England built up a strong and heavy pack which held its own against all opposition, including the Springboks, and it is to the forwards again that they look for success. The selectors have not attempted to experiment with this invaluable asset, and one of the only two changes they made — N. A. Labuschagne, a South African studying at Guy's Hospital, as hooker for Sale's E. Evans—was forced on them through injury.

They have strengthened the second row by the recall of Stan Adkins, of Coventry, who won three caps in 1950, in place of J. R. C. Matthews (Harlequins), who is not the menace he used to be. This looks a very formidable pack indeed, and it is interesting to recall that the last time England won the Triple Crown, in 1937, their main strength was also at forward.

The selectors have banked on aggression outside. Hall's successor at outside-half is Martin Regan, of Liverpool and Lancashire, who proved in the Trials that he was swift, decisive and clever.

He scored one astonishing try at Workington: he saw a gap in, of all places, a line-out, and cut clean through, the speed and surprise of the move catching everyone on the wrong foot. It will be his first International cap, but not the first time he has been selected, for he had to drop out through influenza after being picked to play against Ireland two seasons ago.

Cannell and Agar complete a strong running midfield triangle. The former is easily England's outstanding centre, but he can be as unpredictable to his partners as he is elusive to the enemy, and it still remains to be seen what sort of understanding he will strike up with Agar, and what chances they will give to their wingers — big Ted Woodward (Wasps) and Waterloo's R. C. Bazley.

Woodward has been nursing a sprained ankle since Christmas; at his best he moves with great speed and perfect balance, and his weight makes him a very tough proposition to ground when in full cry.

Pat Sykes (Wasps and Middlesex) is once again scrum-half. Sykes's critics maintain that he is too individualistic and tries to do too much, but the Wasps have been so poorly served at fly-half that he has had to take on far more work in club matches than he would wish to attempt in an International.

TWO YOUNGSTERS

The Welsh selectors, on the other hand, were faced with a number of problems owing to injuries, loss of form, and the confusion of the Trials, when the more fancied side was beaten on all three occasions.

Lewis Jones, now a R. L. professional, was no longer available; Cliff Morgan and Rex Willis, their regular halves, have been out of the game for many weeks and showed up indifferently in the last Trial; centre Alun Thomas was out with a dislocated thumb, and Dai Davies, the Somerset policeman who won 13 caps as hooker, was not fit enough.

However, such is the wealth of talent in Wales that their successors mostly picked themselves, and though there are six new caps in the side only two have caused any surprise.

The diminutive red-headed Roy Burnett, one of the most brilliant attacking players of the post-war era, and his Newport partner, W. A. Williams, take over at half-back.

But as Burnett's unorthodox play presupposes the necessity for a tried partner, the selectors have made a proviso that, if one of the halves has to withdraw, they may consider it necessary to choose another pair. Newport very wisely rested the pair last week-and against Cheltenham to avoid accidents.

Three of the new caps are in the scrum, and all are richly deserved. Geoff Beckingham (Cardiff), a Barry gardener, at last gets recognition for being the most consistent hooker in the Principality. Then Judd, Cardiff schoolmaster and blind side wing forward, is strong and fit and has been outstanding for Cardiff this season, as has been Dil Johnson, the open-side backrow forward, for Swansea.

PICKED THEMSELVES

Newport and Cardiff share the three-quarter line equally. Ken Jones (who has played in every Welsh post-war International and is now getting his 27th cap), and Malcolm Thomas (14 caps) picked themselves on the right wing, and Bleddyn Williams (15 caps) has been recalled at left centre.

In the past couple of months he has confounded all those who considered him a has-been and has been displaying all his old skill. He, too, played in the 1947 match. Partnering this vastly experienced player is Gareth Griffiths, who is the biggest surprise of all.

This 21-year-old P. T. student-teacher at St Luke's College, Exeter, and former Welsh Sprint Junior Champion, has only made occasional appearances in the Cardiff 1st XV, but showed great promise as a centre, and scored three grand tries against Cambridge a month ago.

He gave a fine display in the last Trial, scoring twice, and has been given preference over much more experienced players. It is said that his defence is suspect, and he will have a job marking Woodward, but there are no doubts about his attacking possibilities.

The other surprise is at full-back where Gerwyn Williams, who has never given a poor performance for Wales, is displaced by Terry Davies, 20-year-old pit boy from Bynea, a village near Llanelly, and now a Royal Marine Commando on his National Service.

Terry, however, has been in first class football for two seasons, made a great impression for Swansea against the Springboks last season, has been a stalwart in the Devon defence, and did well in all three Trials.

He is clearly a great player of the future, and many consider he will become another Vivian Jenkins. The England match will be a severe test of his big match temperament, but Lewis Jones was blooded in similar circumstances three years ago with conspicuous success, and Davies might well follow in his footsteps.

London Express Service

Snooker Results

The RAF lost to Eastern "B" by 1-4 in a George Younger Snooker League match last night. KCC "Green" beat KCC "Red", 3-2, and Eastern "A" defeated POs Tamar, 5-0.

POTS AND PUTTS

By HENRY LONGHURST

It has long delighted me to compare the methods, hints, tips, short cuts, pitfalls and infallible "secrets" of golf with those of other games, and to note on the whole that there is little new under the sun, and that failure or success in the one spring from the same sources as in the others.

Some recent New Year broadcasting enabled me to make such comparison in company with one who for a quarter of a century has excelled his fellows by a wider margin than any individual has excelled the rest of the world in any other game. From which it may be gathered that the man could only have been Joe Davis.

I did not have the heart to say that at least half a dozen Open Champions of my acquaintance had been chain-smokers and that most of them

JOE DAVIS

would have been reduced to jibbering idiots if asked to play the last round without a cigarette.

TAKE HEART

We may take heart from one thing, however. Joe Davis, though a keen golfer, is in the higher double-figure-handicap class. He can pot, but he cannot putt, neither can he pitch. Thinking these to be at base a simple matter, he approached an ex-Open champion, who is also no mean hand at snooker.

But the ex-champion, I fear, instead of jumping at the obvious quid pro quo of half a dozen lessons on green grass in exchange for half a dozen on the green baize, replied with amiable bluntness, "You'll never get any better — not at your age."

So perhaps I may step in here myself. There is one vital secret both in pitching and in putting. I learnt it several years ago when I came to write a book.

Stand by! Wait for it now!...

Unfortunate than the rest of us. Like the great goalkeepers, he never seems to have a difficult shot. His ball is always teed up just behind the one in front. His trouble these days is that all the artistry in breaks of a mere 80 or 90 goes unnoticed by spectators, who ask only that he shall make another century. Having made 490-odd, he expects to make the 500th, he said with becoming diffidence, "about the middle of February."

SECRET REVEALED

Davis's methods in potting reds—"and," as the reports always conclude, "all the colours"—must have lessons for us who merely putt golf balls into substantially larger pockets. It was not until a few years ago, when he wrote a book, that he came really to analyse them. They contained, he found, one vital secret, and this I elicited on our behalf.

Stand by! Wait for it now! Don't jump the gun. The secret is—"keep your head down." Sorry!

There are others, of course, though less palatable. He has, for instance, practised two hours a day for about 27 years—which leaves even Stranahan with a bit to catch up — but even here there is a crumb of comfort, especially for those who play on our humbler inland courses.

For many years he practised on a table with a two-inch patch on the "spot" and another about "four by two" elsewhere. Did it not ruin his play, I asked, to practise on such a green? "Certainly not," he replied, "it made it all the easier when I got on a good one."

Our talk took place in a hostelry adjacent to the BBC and the average golfer will be gratified to learn that Joe Davis, the great precision ball-manipulator of all time, both drinks—though not, I need hardly add, with a capital D—and smokes.

Did he find, perhaps, that a modest quencher before taking the stage made the balls stand out a trifle more clearly? Alas for golfers who maintain that without their after-lunch port or kummel they are undone, the glass nearly fell from the great man's hand at such a thought.

"There is not the money in the world," he said, "that would induce me to touch a drop before playing."

Well, cigarettes perhaps? But no. What would the public think of a snooker player who actually smoked? What indeed, he added, warming to the theme, would the public think of the great golfers if they appeared, smoking, on the links?

USS KEARSARGE BEAT SCAA AT BASKETBALL

In an exciting exhibition basketball match at Southorn Playground last night, USS Kearsarge beat South China Athletic Association by 59 points to 41.

For the victors, Overton scored 16 points, the highest for his side, and Jefferson contributed 17. Lee Shui-fung of S.C.A.A. scored 15.

Three inter-school matches were also played, the results of which were as follows:—Clementi beat La Salle 35-26; Wah Nam beat King's College 29-20; Queen's College beat Clementi 18-12.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

ANNUAL RACE MEETING STARTS TOMORROW AT THE VALLEY

By "RAPIER"

The stage is all set for the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting which starts at noon tomorrow, continuing on Wednesday, January 21, and Saturday, January 24.

There are 10 races each day and the tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.). The fifth race begins at 3.00 p.m.

The most interesting events tomorrow will be the four sections of the Hopeful Stakes for 1953 subs and the Chinese Club Cup for Class 1 ponies.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Hopeful Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

The opening race will serve to introduce the new Australian Subscription Griffins to the racing public and basing my selections on training performances, I think the winner will be one of the following:—Exhibition Day (Mr Oliveira), Diamond Dahlia (Mr K. Kwok), Charleroi (Mr C. L. Liu) and Boyne (Mr Ostroumoff).

With Exhibition Day, Mr Oliveira has a great opportunity of winning this race, but he may expect strong opposition from either Diamond Dahlia and Charleroi, both of which are capable of giving Exhibition Day a good fight.

Boyne is also considered good enough to extend those named above and may cause an upset here.

SECOND RACE

Southern Handicap: From Near The 1-¼ Mile Post.

In this sprint event for Class 6 ponies, I think the result will be decided between Liberty Ship (Mr C. F. Ng), No Regrets (Mr Chuang), Pegasus (Mr Liu) and Diana (Mr T. S. Leong).

Liberty Ship is in splendid condition and if it should secure a good start it may win, while I expect to see No Regrets offer a challenge.

Pegasus is a bad starter and unless it can move off quickly on Saturday it may again prove a disappointment.

Diana has invariably done well over short distance events and a win here would not be surprising.

THIRD RACE

Hopeful Stakes (Second Section): One Mile.

In this event for the second section of the new Australian Subscription Griffins I do not think we need look further for the eventual winner than among Picasso (Mr Chuang), Flying Dutchman (Mr Pote-Hunt), Hallmark (Mr Coppin) and Fidra (Mr Boycott).

Picasso is regarded in certain quarters as the likely winner, and I rather like it as it has the stamp of a good pony.

It may, however, meet with stern opposition from Flying Dutchman which is good over this distance.

Much as I like Hallmark, I do not think it will be good enough here, but bear it in mind for future races.

The same remark applies to Fidra.

FOURTH RACE

Pathway Handicap (First Section): 1-¼ Miles.

A perusal of the entries in this race for Class 5 ponies gives me the impression that one need not look further than Tiny Grey (Mr Chuang) to win.

Concord (Mr Samareq), in view of its win in the Hunghom Bay Handicap (Second Section) for Class 6 ponies over the mile at the 7th Race Meeting, will find strong support and I will not be surprised to see it give Tiny Grey a great fight to the end.

Avoca (Mr Ostroumoff) should have no difficulty in taking third position.

As an outsider I suggest Ataman (Mr Needa).

FIFTH RACE

Hopeful Stakes (Third Section): One Mile.

In this race for the third section of the new Australian subs, I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch are Ambition (Mr H. H. Chan), Manxman (Mr Ostroumoff), Same Again (Mr F. Noodt) and Iping (Mr Kwok).

Ambition is my choice and I think it should win, but Manxman is not to be ignored.

Same Again and Iping are quite good and will be near at the finish.

I expect to see the finish in the following order:—Ambition, Manxman, Same Again and Iping.

SIXTH RACE

Chinese Club Cup: One Mile.

This race is confined to Class 1 ponies. I think the finish will be fought out between Firefly (Mr Ostroumoff), Fire-Glo (Mr Pote-Hunt), Skymaster (Mr Renfrew) and Straight Forward (Mr Chuang).

Firefly, which won the Hongkong Autumn Champions at the 6th Race Meeting over 1¾ Miles, is the best recommendation for a win here.

I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Fire-Glo, which it beat in the race referred to above.

For the third position a great struggle should ensue between Skymaster and Straight Forward.

SEVENTH RACE

Pathway Handicap (Second Section): 1-¼ Miles.

In this race it looks as if the finish will be fought out between four ponies only.

Solar Knight (Mr Chun Kit) has incurred a 4 lbs. penalty in coming second in the Kungu Bay Handicap at the last meeting and will undoubtedly be made hot favourite. It should have no difficulty in winning.

Airs and Graces (Mr Samareq) was third in this same race and should fill second place tomorrow.

For the third position Diamond Queen (Mr T. S. Leong) is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on My Darling (Mr Shieh).

EIGHTH RACE

Hopeful Stakes (Fourth Section): One Mile.

This race is for the fourth section of the new Australian subs, and on their training form I believe that the winner will come from among Babsie (Mr Samareq), Mineola (Mr Kwok), Precious Mine (Mr T. L. Wong) and Evening View (Mr H. C. Pih).

Babsie is easily the best of this bunch and I have no doubt that it will win.

Mineola has been whispered of as the "dark horse" in this race, and for those who are prepared to take the risk, a bet each way may turn out to be profitable.

Precious Mine and Evening View are good but I am afraid they are not good enough against the above-mentioned two ponies.

NINTH RACE

Old Course Handicap: From Near The 1-¼ Mile Post.

Class 5 ponies will try conclusions here in this sprint event.

Judging on its recent form, Giddup (Mr H. C. Pih) should have no difficulty in winning.

This pony came third in the Aldrich Bay Handicap at the last meeting over six furlongs, but in view of the opposition it should not be fully extended except, perhaps, by Harmony (Mr Samareq).

Beautiful Star (Mr R. Tsui) should be placed and Air Power (Mr Oliveira) may be worth following for a place also.

10TH RACE

Eastern Handicap: From The 2 Mile Post.

The final race of the day will be contested by Class 6 ponies.

There is not much to choose from among the entries, although it seems that the finish should be fought out between Easy Slam (Mr Oliveira) and Eleanor (Mr R. Tsui), but Rose Emme (Mr Ostroumoff) must also be considered. The latter pony should give the other two a good run and possibly win.

Battlefield (Mr Botelho), on its showing at the last meeting, with Mr K. S. Shu up, is capable of creating an upset.

Uncle Willie (Mr Y. K. Tu) is good, but I am afraid it is not good enough against the better bets in this field.

Cricket Teams

The following are Club selections for League cricket fixtures this week-end:

Hongkong C.C. "Optimists" v Royal Navy at King's Park on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—D. McLellan (Capt.), G. T. Rowe, N. E. Arthy, L. D. Kilbee, R. W. Franklin, G. H. P. Pritchard, R. M. Macpherson, H. R. O. Hubble, K. G. E. Spink, T. P. Mahon, R. H. Hughes. 12th man.—F. B. Thorp. Umpire.—A. Zimmern. Scorer.—R. McAdam.

Craigengower C.C. v RAF at Kai Tak on Saturday at 1.30 p.m. (players to meet at the Police Pier, Kowloon, at 1.15 p.m. sharp).—G. A. Souza, G. Hong Choy, P. R. Rasi, M. J. Divecha, D. Bottomley, W. H. E. Colledge, H. P. Madar, M. Singh, G. Saunders, R. Manley, J. Heywood.

RAF 1st XI v Craigengower C.C. at Kai Tak on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—Sqn/Ldr R. S. Kingsford (Capt.), Wg/Cdr Kettlewell, Sqn/Ldr Chapman, Flt/Lt Graham, Fg/Off. Stappard, W/O Walker, Flt/Sgt Mitchell, Cpl MacMahon, LAC Orbell, LAC Hill, AC Harrop. Umpire.—AC Bruce.

RAF 2nd XI v Hongkong Police at Kai Tak on Sunday at 1.30 p.m.—Sqn/Ldr Shepherd (Capt.), Fg/Off. Metcalfe, P/Off. Lee, W/O Edwards, Senior Tech. Thomas, Sgt Horshan, Sgt Buchanan, Cpl Barnett, AC Ellis, AC Bennion, AC Woodward. 12th man.—AC Bowler.

Rugger Results

London, Jan. 15.

Results of today's Rugby Union matches were:

County Championship

Leicestershire 6, East Midlands 6.

Club Match

Royal Air Force 17, British Police 10.—Reuter.

Proposed Visit Of Middlesex Wanderers To H.K. Discussed

The proposed visit of the Middlesex Regiment Wanderers soccer team to the Far East was discussed at a meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Hongkong Football Association held yesterday with Mr C. S. Wang in the Chair.

Mr R.M. Omar, Secretary of the Association, said that he received a letter in November last from the Singapore Football Association relative to the proposed tour of the Middlesex Wanderers during May or June 1953. This letter suggested that HKFA take up matters direct with the Middlesex Wanderers.

A reply was sent to the SAFA in December last to the effect that it would not be possible to entertain the Middlesex team here in May or June and suggesting that the tour take place in April. The views of the SAFA were sought, but up to the present no further communication had been received.

Mr J.C. Guimgam, Chairman of the HKFA, said that a letter which was read at the last Interport Sub-Committee meeting addressed by the Middlesex Wanderers to Mr J. Skinner, former Chairman of the Association, mentioned May/June 1953.

Subsequent to this meeting, Mr Guimgam said he was informed by Mr Skinner that the Middlesex team could come in April if invited and that the months May/June were meant to indicate the dates on which they could visit Singapore after coming to Hongkong.

It was decided that another letter be written to the SAFA as well as the Burmese Athletic Association, with a copy to the Middlesex Wanderers, enquiring whether they would be prepared to bear a proportion of the cost of bringing the Middlesex Wanderers out to the Far East.

APPROXIMATE COST

The approximate cost of air passage, insurance and pocket money over a period of three weeks for a party of 20 persons would come to approximately £6,000. Of this sum, it was suggested that Hongkong be responsible for £2,700, Singapore £2,400 and Rangoon £1,500. If Rangoon was not prepared to participate, then it was suggested that Hongkong pay £3,600 and Singapore £3,000. Each port would be responsible for the cost of board and lodging and entertainment of the team.

It was also decided that in the event of an agreement be reached the share to be borne by each port be paid to Cook's or other recognised travel agency prior to the departure of the Middlesex team from England.

Arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Interport against Singapore were discussed and decided upon. It was announced that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, would be attending the Interport match on Saturday, January 24.

The question of Souvenir Programmes for the Austrian visit was brought up and it was revealed that certain persons were approaching firms for advertisements in a Programme concerning the Austrian team.

It was decided that as the Association had not authorised any person or firm to undertake the publication of a Souvenir Programme of the Austrian visit or to canvass for advertisements, a notice to this effect be inserted in the South China Morning Post, China Mail and Hongkong Standard.

SPORTING SAM . . . . . By Reg. Wootton

PETER WILSON'S COLUMN

"IT'S TOUGH ON US," SAYS SEDGMAN

Can anything be more pathetically dog-in-the-mangerish and at the same time spotlight the shamateur side of sport than the rumpus caused by Frank Sedgman's determination to earn his living openly as a lawn tennis player?

Last January, a wedding present of £5,473 was given to Mrs Sedgman. Now Jean is a sweet and charming girl, but I think she would be the last to imagine that this "millionaire style" present was given to her just for her pretty eyes.

It was, in my opinion, an inducement to restrain Sedgman from forsaking "amateur" lawn tennis.

It succeeded, too — up to a point—for Sedgman and, of course, Ken McGregor, who has also now turned professional, were available for this year's Davis Cup which Australia so easily retained.

Now that Sedgman is to get £35,714, approximately, the recriminations are starting.

MADE CLEAR

Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, has made it very clear that having failed in his endeavour to keep the two "amateur" by offering them £5,000-a-year jobs, the Australian amateur lawn tennis associations are not likely to be very helpful about any subsequent tours Sedgman and McGregor may make in the Commonwealth.

Now it's Sedgman's turn to snarl back: "I think it's a bit tough on us. McGregor and I helped Australian tennis over the last three years, and you would think that Sir Norman would be willing to help us now. I think we should get their help."

Frankly, I should have thought Sedgman had had it—at least to the extent of £5,473.

I don't blame Sedgman for taking £35,714—blame him! I envy him! — but I equally don't blame anyone who subscribed part of that £5,473 for thinking they got a pretty short run for their money.

What I do blame is the whole stupid, whited-sepulchre, phoney as a glass eye, false as National Health teeth set-up, in which people try to pretend that there is any possible difference in status between the world's leading "racketeers," no matter what label they like to pin on themselves.

ENTER G MAN

Now here is one for the book. More than 15 months ago, I was assailed in certain sections of the American Press and on their radio for suggesting that gangsters ran a lot of the fight business in and around New York.

Almost immediately Bob Christenberry was appointed as chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission in an effort to clean up the "cesspool" which then existed in New York State.

Last May in Life magazine Christenberry wrote a long article, complete with pictures — some of them police ones — listing various top managers who had been indicted for such playful little antics as murder, extortion, illegal gambling, white slavery, boot-legging and felonious assault.

Now comes the final chapter in what was alleged to be a brain child of my invention.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I. and No. 1 G man, is offered 100,000 dollars a year (£35,714—yes, the same as Sedgman, but for a different form of racket busting) to act as "executive director" of the International Boxing Club.

So help me, the next thing will be G men acting as referees, and an electric chair instead of a stool in the corner of any fighter suspected of "taking a dive." What a performance!

—(London Express Service)

Big Questions At USLTA Meeting

New York, Jan. 15.

The United States Lawn Tennis Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday and, as usual, it promises to be a stormy one.

There are two big questions on the agenda:

1. Should Gardnar Mulloy be ranked No. 1 in the U.S. as he was by the Ranking Committee last month?

2. Should the eight-week rule, which limits the number of tournaments a player may participate in, be extended?

Walter Pate, the venerable ex-captain of the Davis Cup team, is going to the meeting armed with some convincing arguments for keeping Mulloy at the top and dropping the controversial eight-week rule.

"Mulloy might not be the best player in the country," said the man who brought the Davis Cup back to the United States in 1946, "but we are supposed to rank the players on what they showed in tournament competition, and Mulloy was the best.

"Not everyone will agree with me and there probably will be some discussion, but I don't see how they can put any one else at the top."

Vic Seixas, captain of the Davis Cup team, was ranked No. 2 by the Committee. He'll be the only other one in the contention for the top spot.—Associated Press.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 2. Orders issued by Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated January 13, 1953.

FORCE ORDERS

Force Rifle Meeting—(a) Reference Force Order No. 1 dated Jan. 6, 1953. (b) Owing to the large number of entries it has been found necessary to amend the programme as follows:— (i) The Annual Rifle Meeting will now take place on Kai Tak Range on Sunday, Jan. 18, 1953 and Sunday, Jan. 25, 1953. (ii) Firing will commence at 9.15 a.m. on both days. (iii) The following events will be fired on Sunday, Jan. 18, 1953:— 'A' Range 9.15 a.m. Individual Events. 1.00 p.m. Officers v POs &c., Sgts Mess Competition. 2.00 p.m. Individual Events. 4.30 p.m. RHKDF and Staff Championships. 'B' Range 9.15 a.m. Side Shows, 2 p.m. HKWVF Championship. 3.00 p.m. Side Shows. (iv) The following events will be fired on Sunday, January 25, 1953:— 'A' Range 9.15 a.m. Sighting shots for team competition (2 rds per rifleman, 10 rds per L.M.G.) 10 a.m. Preliminary heats of the Cheylesmore Competition. 11 a.m. China Competition. 2 p.m. Semi-finals and finals of the Cheylesmore Competition. 2.30 p.m. Commander Cup Competition. (v) A Bus Service will be running between the W.D. Security Car Park Salisbury Road, Kowloon and the range from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on both days. Buses will leave the Car Park at approximately 30 minutes intervals. (vi) It is essential for all competitors in the individual events to be at the firing point on "A" Range at the time stated on their squadding card. (vii) All other instructions remain the same.

National Memorial To His Majesty King George VI—The Lord Mayor of London's Appeal for contributions to a fund to provide a National Memorial to His Late Majesty King George VI has been implemented so far as the four Crown Services are concerned by an Appeal signed jointly by the Heads of those Services. Copies of this Appeal and of a Statement by the Lord Mayor setting out the form which the Memorial will take are posted on the Notice Boards at HQ R.H.K.D.F. and Volunteer Centre. Officers and other Ranks of R.H.K.D.F. may subscribe to the fund locally in their civilian, and individual capacity in preference to subscribing as a member of the Force. It is emphasised that all contributions are to be on a voluntary basis and it is not intended to prevent anyone from making a direct contribution privately and individually if he or she so wishes. It is hoped however that as many as possible will contribute through R.H.K.D.F. While it is not desired to lay down any general limit to subscriptions it is thought that the following scale will provide appropriate maxima for personnel of RHKDF. Field officers ..... 10s 0d—$8. Officer below field rank..... 5s 0d—$4. P.Os and NCOs ..... 2s 6d—$2. Below the rank of corporal ..... 1s 0d—$1. For the purposes of this appeal subscriptions should be forwarded to the Staff Captain, HQ R.H.K.D.F. by cheque or cash. The Commandant feels assured of the co-operation of all ranks and grades in giving support to this appeal.

Audit Board—An audit board composed as under will assemble at the Adm Offr office at RHKDF HQ on Monday, Jan. 26, 1953 at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of auditing such account as may be presented:— President—Capt P.M. Nisbet da Silva, HKR. Members—Pilot Officer L.C. Strange, HKAAF. An officer to be detailed by OC HKRNVR.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Int Unit. HQ Pl—Parade HQ RHKDF Thursday Jan 22, 1953 5.30 p.m. Recce Pl. Parade Thursday Jan 22, 1953 HQ RHKDF. 5.30 p.m. Lecture—Map Reading. Weapon Trg—Sten M.C.

Artillery Battery. Fd Gunnery Tp. "B" & "C" Sec—parade MPG 7.15 p.m. Thursday Jan 22, 1953 Dress: Uniform. Parade MPG 6.30 p.m. Friday Jan. 23, 1953. As detailed. C. & R Tp "C" Section parade SOR 5.30 p.m. Monday Jan. 19, 1953 Parade Thursday, Jan 22, 1953, SOR 7 a.m. As detailed. "B" Sec Parade SOR 5.30 p.m. Friday Jan. 23, 1953. Dress: Plain clothes.

HONGKONG REGIMENT

Duties, Orderly Officer of the Week—Lt M. A. D'Almeda. Rendition Next for Duty—Lt J.F. O'Driscoll. Orderly Sergeant of the Week—Sgt D.J.R. Baker. Next for duty—Sgt H. C. F. Bury.

Training. "A" Coy—Tuesday, Jan. Drill. RV 5.30 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Clean fatigue. Rifle slings beyond frogs. "A" Coy NCOs' Cadre—Thursday. As ordered. "B" Coy—Tuesday, Jan. 20, RV 5.30 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Clean fatigue. Rifle slings beyond frogs. "B" Coy NCOs' Cadre—Wednesday. "C" Coy. Rifle. LMG. Mtn Range. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: WT Order. HQ Coy Sig Pl—Tuesday. WT. RV 5.30 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Clean fatigue. MG Pl—Tuesday. PWT. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. Mor Pl—Tuesday. Pl Comds disposal. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. MT Pl—Thursday. LMG. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. Int Sec & Snipers—Monday. Pl Comds disposal. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Clean fatigue. Med Sec—Tuesday. As ordered. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. Aslt Pnr Pl & Def Pl—Monday. Rifle. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Firing Pt Instr Course. Thursday 5.30 p.m. at HQ. All Offrs and Sats HK Regt.

HOME GUARD

Training.—Thursday. As ordered.

HONGKONG A.A.F.

Obituary.—The Commanding Officer deeply regrets to announce the death of No. 1000/3196 AC 1. Chow Tat-wai. The Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force on Sunday January 11, 1953.

Discipline—Reporting. The undermentioned airman is requested to report to HQ HKAAF at his earliest convenience. 18093223 LAC D. J. Ribeiro.

Return Of G.C.T. Pamphlets. All personnel still in possession of G.C.T. Pamphlets are to return them immediately to HQ HKAAF.

Trade Training Clerk P. & A. Thursday Jan 15—HQ RHKDF—5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Tuesday Jan 20—HQ RHKDF 5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Clerk G.D. Tuesday Jan 20—HQ RHKDF 5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Police Course. Tuesday Jan 20—HQ No. 3 Police District, North Point—5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Nursing Orderlies, Wednesday Jan 21—Windsor House—6.15 p.m.—Dr Bard. Radar Operators, Monday Jan 19—'C' Watch Half Day Training—Radar Station. Transport leaves HQ RHKDF at 8 a.m. at Star Ferry at 8.15 a.m. Wednesday Jan 21—'A' Watch—Full Day Training—Radar Station. Transport leaves Star Ferry at 8.15 a.m. Friday Jan 23—'A' 'B' & 'C' Watches —HQ RHKDF—5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Fighter Plotters. Thursday Jan 22—'A' & 'B' Watches—S O.R.—5.45 p.m. Wireless Operators Monday Jan 19—HKAAF Hangar —6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. then via Jordan Rd. Ferry. Thursday Jan 22—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. then via Jordan Rd. Ferry. M.T. Drivers. Sunday Jan 25—Kai Tak M.T. Section—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 a.m. Equipment Section. Thursday Jan 22 HKAAF Hangar—6 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Photographers. Wednesday Jan 21—R.A.F. Kai Tak—Lecture—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. A.T.C. Section. Tuesday Jan 20 'B' Watch—Full Day Training—Sek Kong. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.15 a.m. Friday Jan 23—A.D.C.O. Watches—R.A.F. Kai Tak—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Groundcrew. Friday Jan 23—'A' & 'D' Flights—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Saturday Jan 24—'A' Flight—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday Jan 25—'B' Flight—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Rd at 5.45 a.m.

HONGKONG W.A.A.C.

Training. M.T.—Sgt Penn parade MPG 5.30 p.m. Wednesday January 21, 1953. Signals "A" & "B" Sec parade Signals Hut MPG 5.30 p.m. Monday Jan. 19, 1953. Lecture. Instructor: Sgt Kins. "A" Sec Parade HQLF Tuesday Jan. 20, 1953 5.30 p.m. "B" Sec parade HQLF Thursday Jan. 22, 1953 5.30 p.m. Instructress: Cpl. Black. Dress: Uniform. Duties. Parade HQ RHKDF Thursday Jan. 22, 1953 5.30 p.m. Dress: Uniform. First Aid Parade HQ RHKDF Monday Jan. 19, 1953 5.30 p.m. Dress: Uniform. Lecturer: Mrs Watson. Cookery. Parade HQ RHKDF Monday Jan. 19, 1953 5.30 p.m. Dress: Uniform. Pay Parade Wednesday Jan. 21, 1953 HQ RHKDF 5.30 p.m.

Force Headquarters After Order. **Discipline—M.T. Drivers**—The attention of all M.T. Drivers is drawn to the necessity for changing down to lower gear when descending steep hills. The principle to be observed in this Force is that the gear selected when descending hills should be the same as that required when ascending the same hill. The order will be strictly observed in future by all M.T. Drivers. To be repeated in Unit Orders of Units operating M.T. vehicles.

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AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rose And Rosewall In Singles Final

Melbourne, Jan. 15.

Mervyn Rose, considered in Australia as the likely successor to Frank Sedgman as the number one lawn tennis player, and 18-year-old Ken Rosewall of Australia, will meet in the Men's Singles final of the Australian Championships.

In today's semi-finals Rose had a hard struggle to beat the young Queenslander, Ian Ayre, 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-1, and Rosewall defeated the United Davis Cup captain, Vic Seixas, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

The final will be played on Saturday.

The net-rushing tactics of Seixas were upset by Rosewall's accurate shots and clever lobs.

OVER-EAGER

Ayres, after taking the first two sets, was within a point of a 5-1 lead in the fourth set against Rose, but he became over-eager and made many errors.

Miss Maureen Connolly, Wimbledon and American Champion, will meet Miss Julie Sampson in an all-American final in the Women's Singles.

In the semi-finals Miss Connolly defeated Mrs M. Hawton, Australia, 6-2, 6-1, and Miss Sampson beat Mrs D. Forgarty, Australia, 8-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the Men's Doubles semi-finals, Ken Rosewall and Lewis Head of Australia beat Adrian Quist and Geoff Brown of Australia 6-11, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2, and Mervyn Rose and Don Candy of Australia beat Vic Seixas and Hamilton Richardson of USA 6-0, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.—Reuter.

TODAY'S SPORT

Squash

Colony Open Squash Championships at Victoria Squash Courts, commencing 5.30 p.m.—Quarter-finals (2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters).

Badminton

Men's "C" Division.—Police "White" v Chinese YMCA; Craigengower CC v Kowloon Tong; Tytam v Police "Blue."

Men's "C" Doubles.—St John's v Tytam; King's v Hercrels; Chinese YMCA v St Teresa; Craigengower "Yellow" v Nav Bhesai; Union v Craigengower "Green."

Billiards And Snooker

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Meetings

Hongkong Football Association Emergency Sub-Committee; meeting, 5.30 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 27th day of February, 1953, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 13th of February to Friday, the 27th of February, 1953, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
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Hongkong, 13th Jan., 1953.

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ACTION AGAINST DESERTERS

Washington, Jan. 15.

The Army High Command has ordered its area commanders to take more vigorous action against soldiers who desert in the U.S. or go Absent Without Leave.

The treatment includes arrangements to ship them overseas, if qualified for service there, from prisoner stockades.

A Pentagon spokesman today confirmed issuance of the order as a follow-up to the January 6 statement by Lieutenant-General Anthony J. McAuliffe, the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel, regarding army desertions.

Gen. McAuliffe said that 46,000 enlisted men had deserted since the start of the Korean war and that all of these except 11,000 had been picked up or had returned to duty voluntarily. He said desertion was not an alarming problem but many commanders were disturbed about the rate of short-term absence without leave.

President Truman has expressed shock at the number of desertions and declared they were to blame in large part on what he called politically-inspired attacks against the Administration's Korean war policy.

The issuance of the new order was disclosed by the Louisville Courier-Journal in a story today quoting Colonel John H. Fye, Public Information Officer for the Second Army at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

The Courier-Journal said the new order means that stockades will become processing points for overseas service if the prisoner soldiers are qualified and that a court martial sentence no longer can be used as a means of avoiding combat.

Gen. McAuliffe in his discussion of deserters and AWOL's last week said one method authorised is for short terms to be promptly court martialled and escorted to a port of embarkation whereupon the remainder of army confinement sentence is remanded.—Associated Press.

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SOLDIER WHO SLEPT AT POST

Fort Meade, Md., Jan. 15.

Pfc. Warren G. McConnell, 21-year-old soldier from Alloway, New Jersey, was to go to trial again today on charges that he went to sleep at his post in Korea 14 months ago.

He was sentenced to 10 years at hard labour by a Seventh Division court martial in Korea but this was reversed last August by the Military Court of Appeals in Washington, a civilian panel which is the Supreme Court of the Armed Forces.

McConnell, who was 20 at the time, pleaded he had been on duty continuously for 72 hours and was "sort of numb all over."

His conviction and sentence was upset on a technicality after a defence lawyer had challenged on seven grounds. The appeals panel found that the counsel to the court martial, the prosecutor, unfairly conferred with the court while the accused was not present.

Young McConnell got his second chance largely through the efforts of his father, an Alloway millwright who has seven other children.

The father organised a Citizens' Committee last February and March, got 50,000 signatures on a protest petition sent to Washington, raised funds at a mass meeting, and hired a lawyer to look into the case.

The Army has rounded up most of the witnesses who testified in the first trial on December 10, 1951. Most of them are long back from Korea and live in this area.

Pfc. McConnell has been stationed at Fort Meade since the first verdict was reversed, not under confinement.—Associated Press.

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			Homeward For
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Temporary Extension Of U.S. Foreign Trade Bill Believed Possible

SPECULATION IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 15.

Informed Congressional sources are beginning to speak of the possibility that no positive action other than temporary extension will be taken on the Reciprocal Trade Bill which is due to expire on June 30.

Under the law the U.S. can cut import duties as much as 75 per cent in return for concessions received from other nations on customs duties.

Some Democrats believe that the question of foreign trade should be taken in conjunction with the Mutual Security Agency programme rather than as a separate and distinct project as it has been in the past.

The slogan "Trade not aid" has been cited with increasing frequency by many public officials and private interest groups such as farm federations and some union groups.

With the gradual lessening, and an eventual end, of economic aid by the U.S. to the European nations, these officials feel that the trade programme must be revised to fill the remaining dollar gap.

The Republican Party, which will take control of the National Administration on January 20, is known traditionally as a "protectionist" party.

Some of its members—including some members of Congress—still favour the outright repeal of the trade programme with general increases in tariffs on all products imported in competition with domestic industry but it is believed that the majority of Republicans are convinced of the need of maintaining a large-scale foreign trade and of the fact that it cannot be maintained without admitting an amount of imports about equal to exports or continuing indefinitely the post-war policy of dollar grants to fill the gap.

GENERAL TRUISM

It is generally true that many members of Congress favour reciprocal trade in principle as long as it does not curtail the activities of their particular constituents. Thus a member from a region such as New England, for example, which contains a large concentration of textile manufacturers, might be likely to favour low tariffs generally but high duties on textiles.

If a large enough number of members sponsor exceptions for the particular products of their own regions, the resulting bill might very well contain more exceptions than it does provisions.

There has been a growing tendency in recent years to attempt to get such exceptions in the bill or to sponsor separate legislation affecting certain industries, although so far few of these efforts have succeeded.

Mr Dwight Eisenhower, who will be inaugurated President on January 20, is known to favour liberal foreign trade. But whether the Congress will side with him is not yet known.

POSSIBLE MOVE

It is believed quite possible that the Trade Act will be given simply a temporary extension pending more complete study.

This study might be done by a congressional Committee or by a bipartisan commission appointed either by the President or by the Congress.

The latter plan was formally recommended by the American Farm Bureau which was Concerned about the recent decreases in U.S. exports.

The Bureau voted at its convention recently to recommend a one-year extension of the Act plus the appointment of a commission to survey the problem in conjunction with mutual security and international relations and to report back to Congress its specific recommendations.—United Press.

TRADE PROSPECTS

Washington, Jan. 15.

Prospects are that the United States foreign trade will continue at about the present volume through this year but officials foresee that prices of many basic commodities will be influenced by the policies and legislation of the new Eisenhower Administration.

The basic laws affecting international commerce will be up for review in the early months of the 83rd congress, including extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act, commodities price controls and the size of foreign aid appropriations. The Congress must decide whether to recommend continuance of the International Wheat Agreement beyond the present marketing year or whether to encourage imports of strategic materials at higher prices than the domestic prices and how to implement the campaign promises for expanding exports of agricultural commodities.

With a transition of government from the Democratic Party's traditionally low tariffs to the Republican Party's historic "protectionist" policy there is inevitably much international speculation as to the possible revival of isolationist philosophy in the new Congress.

Proposed changes in the rates of even minor commodities are likely to arouse worldwide interest until the major trends of the U.S. policy become apparent.

RESENTMENT ABROAD

The background situation in world trade foreshadows international resentment in the event of drastic changes being made in U.S. foreign trade policies toward "protectionism."

The average trend of commodities prices was downward in the past year. With the average for 1947-1949 representing 100, Labour Department indexes for American spot primary market prices declined from January 2 to November 10 as follows:

All commodities from 109.5 to 91.2, foodstuffs from 95.8 to 86.7, raw industrial commodities from 119.9 to 94.3, livestock and dairy products 82.3 to 65.6, textiles and fibres from 118.7 to 93.9 and fats and oils from 75 to 59.5.

As foreign countries have been selling commodities to the U.S. at a declining average of unit values, they will be more than usually sensitive to any policy changes or legislation here that might affect the future volume of imports and prices.

At present, for example, there is concern in all wool-growing countries as to the new Administration's policies affecting the international wool trade. —United Press.

SENATOR'S VIEWS

Washington, Jan. 15.

Senator Walter George, retiring Chairman of the Finance Committee, said in an interview today he believed that the new Congress will renew the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act with little change.

The law gives the Government power to cut import duties as much as 75 per cent.

Senator George is a democrat and therefore is in the minority in the new Congress, but his comment is significant since many in his party fear that the majority Republicans would kill or severely hamper the Trade Act.

Senator George's comment was made in an interview with the magazine "U.S. News and World Report." Asked if he thought that the Act would be extended beyond the present expiry date in June with only moderate changes, he replied: "I rather think so. There is not much disposition to repeal or eliminate any provisions in it. Some of them are not so workable, but for the most part I think the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act will be extended with only minor modifications."

Asked if he thought there might be more insurance or protection for industries which can show that they had been hurt by war conditions, he replied: "I think that is right. I think it is more an administrative problem now."

The Administration has power to invoke the escape clauses in cases of individual commodities when the domestic industry can show that it was damaged by competitive imports. In practice, however, few such cases have been proven to the satisfaction of the Government. — United Press.

British Drive For Capital

Canberra, Jan. 15.

Australia's Commerce Minister, John McEwen, said today that Britain would scrape the bottom of the barrel to produce capital for the Commonwealth development needed to meet commitments at the recent London Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference.

A private group would also try to assemble funds for development loans to Commonwealth countries, he said.—Reuter.

Export Of U.S. Farm Products

Washington, Jan. 15.

Secretary Charles Brannan, in his final report as head of the U.S. Agriculture Department, said today farmers face restrictions on production unless they can keep big foreign markets built up by World War II.

"American agriculture," he said, "is tooled up to export at the highest rate in our history."

After expending to record proportions during and after World War II, exports of many farm products started declining in 1952. Foreign trade restrictions, a shortage of dollars abroad, and a reduction in U.S. economic aid to foreign countries contributed to this decline.

Brannan said American production of tobacco, wheat, cotton, lard, dried and fresh fruits can be maintained at the present levels only if exports ranging from 25 to 50 per cent of total production of these commodities can be achieved.

"The alternative to maintaining the present level of exports," the cabinet official said, "would appear to be the re-institution of production allotments and a general cut back all along the line with all of the inevitable and unpleasant consequences which such action would have for the American economy as a whole."

Mr Brannan said many foreign countries, historically among America's most important markets for farm products, have built up "an increasingly complex web of controls on imports and exchange." These actions, he said, are making it difficult to find markets for surplus farm products.

PRICE SUPPORT

In his report to the President, the Secretary praised farm price support programmes developed under the Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Truman administrations.

He said, nevertheless, these programmes have "grave" weaknesses in that they provide no satisfactory method for supporting producer prices of non-storable and perishable commodities, such as meats, dairy and poultry products, fruits and vegetables.

Present supports are largely limited to such products as grains, cotton, tobacco and peanuts, which can be stored.

A satisfactory method, Mr Brannan said, would be one which would "make perishables available to consumers at prevailing market prices, would benefit producers by working more directly for their interest, and would benefit the nation by permitting full consumption of perishables in large-production years."

Mr Brannan did not mention it, but this definition fitted a proposal he advanced in 1949 and which became known as "The Brannan Plan." It was rejected by Congress.

FACES TASK

Under the Brannan Plan, prices of perishables would be allowed to move freely under influences of supply and demand. When prices dropped below a pre-determined support level, the government would make up the difference to producers through subsidy payments from the Treasury.

The incoming Eisenhower administration is committed to development of price support programmes for perishables.

Looking beyond present farm problems, Mr Brannan said agriculture faces a task in meeting food needs of its increasing population.

"Can our agriculture meet the challenge?" he asked.

"Given favourable conditions, the answer must be resoundingly affirmative. It would be as great an error to underestimate the future capacity of our agriculture as it would be to underestimate the future requirements of our people."—Associated Press.

NY Cotton Prices

New York, Jan. 15.

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:—

Spot	32.20 nominal
March	32.02-32.05
May	32.44-32.45
July	32.75-32.76
October	31.07
December	30.71
March	30.84 nominal
May	29.84 nominal

—United Press.

Debate On Aid Funds

New York, Jan. 15.

Both on Capitol Hill in Washington and at the Eisenhower headquarters here they are reported to be debating today: How many more billions of American dollars do U.S. allies actually need as economic and military aid?

President Harry Truman has asked that Congress approve another $7,500,000,000 for spending in the future. Actual spending in the current fiscal year will be around $5,750,000,000.

But some Republican lawmakers say that about $5,500,000,000 that Congress already has appropriated for foreign aid remains unspent and available now. And they ask why $7,500,000,000 more must be added before the money available is used up.

Fiscal authorities, meanwhile, say that in recent months the "dollar gap" has been shrinking —that other nations' reserves of gold and dollars have been growing, so that economic aid is not the acute need it was in the earlier post-war years.

The Department of Commerce reports that other nations gained more than $1,000,000,000 in gold and dollar assets in transactions with the United States in the six months ended last September—a period in which some $2,500,000,000 of economic and military aid was given by the United States.

BRITISH RECORD

And the first estimates of 1952's foreign trade available from London shows that Britain's exports to the United States passed the $400,000,000 mark for the first time last year, increased by $10,000,000 over the year before.

Still another factor making the economic health of the rest of the world look better is the continuing high prosperity within the United States. When business conditions flourish here, U.S. imports from other lands both of raw materials and of finished products always rise.

Optimistic predictions of increasing industrial production in the first half of 1953 promise more fertile markets for other nations here.

The "dollar gap", though shrinking, still exists, however. U.S. exports still exceed U.S. imports—the difference usually being settled by one form or another of foreign aid.

Against all the indications that the need for foreign aid may be lessening, however, Averell Harriman, who is retiring as Mutual Security Director, makes a plea for the full $7,500,000,000 of future aid on these grounds:

MOSTLY MILITARY

Some 70 per cent of it would go for military purposes. This factor, and President - elect Dwight D. Eisenhower's interest in the defence of Europe, may weigh heavily with the incoming Administration.

In the current fiscal year the United States is spending more than $1,000,000,000 in buying military equipment and services from her allies—which could also be considered as economic aid to their industries. Continuance of this off-shore procurement is sought in the new appropriations asked.

Mr Harriman says that despite the billions appropriated but unspent, the additional billions should be promised so that contracts can be let without delay for delivery at later dates—tanks and planes are not produced overnight.

About $2,000,000,000 of the amount asked would go for economic aid, a considerable part of it under the Point Four programme of giving technical advice and assistance to underdeveloped lands and laying the ground work for U.S. private investments. Many influential Republican lawmakers favour the Point Four programme.

But to an economy-minded Congress, that $7,500,000,000 looks tempting as cutting material.—Associated Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Jan. 15.

World sugar futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher with sales totalling 150 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 2 points lower with sales totalling 134 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world)

March	3.53 bid
May	3.53 bid
July	3.53 bid
September	3.54
October	3.57
January	3.75 nominal
March	3.46
May	3.46
Spot	3.50

Contract No. 6

March	5.49
May	5.54-5.55
July	5.73 bid
September	5.81 bid
November	5.84 nominal
March	5.40
Spot	5.45

—United Press.

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"TJIBANTJET"	Jan.	23	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	Feb.	2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Feb.	4	Japan
"BOISSEVAIN"	Feb.	5	Japan
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Feb.	7	Japan
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"TJIMENTENG"	Feb.	17	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa & S. America
"TJILUWAH"	Feb.	19	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"BOISSEVAIN"	Feb.	22	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIBANTJET"	Feb.	23	Djakarta Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Feb.	25	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJIWANGI"	Mar.	2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"STRAAT SOENDA"	Mar.	4	Japan
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"TJILUWAH"	Mar.	16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
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"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Mar.	22	Singapore Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIPONDOR"	Mar.	23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIWANGI"	Apr.	2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIPANAS"	Apr.	3	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa

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"TJILUWAH"	In Port		Macassar, Surabaia, Semarang, Djakarta & Singapore
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"TJITJALENGKA"	Jan.	20	Japan
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PRODUCTION OF RICE IN CEYLON

Colombo, Jan. 15.

Ceylon has told the Food and Agriculture Organisation that the Island expects to produce next year about 23,000,000 bushels of paddy more than in 1952.

Ceylon's target for next year has been set at 30,000,000 bushels of paddy or 350,000 tons of rice.

Ceylon's Minister of Agriculture, in giving these figures, has requested the FAO to give all possible assistance to carry out the Government's food production campaign.

The FAO has also been told that no land will be allowed to lie fallow without being cultivated with some type of food crop.

Steps that are being taken by the Government to produce more paddy include intensive methods of cultivation, the issue of pure line seed paddy, transplanting, weeding and manuring. The use of tractors in dry zone ploughing for giving better yields is specially mentioned as a new step towards the intensified scheme of cultivation.—United Press.

Steel Output In U.S.

New York, Jan. 15.

December steel production in the U.S. was the highest ever attained in that month, and output in the final three months of 1952 was higher than any other quarter on record, the American Iron and Steel Institute reported today. Steel production in all of 1952 was the third highest on record.

The December output was 9,683,000 net tons, compared with the revised November output of 9,436,550 tons. The increase over December, 1951, was 792,000 tons or nearly nine per cent.—Associated Press.

Volkswagen Popular In Canada

Toronto, Jan. 15.

Germany's giant Volkswagen motor firm, having sold each of the 200 cars they have sent to Canada, is negotiating for a site for an assembly factory outside Toronto.

The Volkswagen, Hitler's "car for every German family," sells in Canada for 1,750 dollars (about £625) and is cheaper than even the least expensive British make.

Says Werner Gensen, newly arrived Volkswagen manager in Canada, "The company is in Canada to stay. We have made a heavy investment here and future plans provide for spending on a truly impressive scale. Our service and parts plant will be officially opened next month and we are considering buying a site for a factory to assemble cars here. We shall start to build the factory in 1954 if sales warrant it. We have sold every car delivered here and three big shipments are now on their way."

Silver Outlook In Mexico

Mexico City, Jan. 15.

Mexican silver production has a bright future since world output is not in a position to satisfy demand, the Mexican Mining Chamber said.

On the other hand, plans by the U.S. Government to give the metal its real value as currency in several Asiatic nations contribute to make Mexico's position even better, it added.

A spokesman declared that while there is ever-increasing silver demand in the New York market, the U.S. Defence Department is using fantastic amounts in its atomic projects. This will mean eventually that Mexico will make larger sales. —United Press.

The Rubber Markets

London, Jan. 15.

The rubber market was uncertain. Prices closed as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in pence per lb.	24-24½
February	24-24½
March	24-24½
April/June	23½-24
July/September	23-23½

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Jan. 15.

Prices of rubber futures closed 10 points higher to 5 points lower with sales totalling 41 contracts.

March	28.25-28.35
May	27.90 bid
July	27.40 bid
September	27.00 nominal
December	26.50 nominal
March	26.50 nominal
Spot	—

—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Jan. 15.

The tin market was steady and quiet this morning. Turnover was 30 tons, including 15 tons for cash and 15 tons for late January. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	936
Spot tin, sellers	937
Business done at	937
Three-months tin, buyers	942
Three-months tin, sellers	943
Business done at	nil
Settlement	937

—United Press.

Weekly Bank Statement

London, Jan. 15.

The Bank of England statement for the week ending January 14 reads as follows:—

Notes in circulation	£1,472,952,000
Public deposits	45,105,000
Private deposits	242,670,000
Government securities	353,940,000
Other securities	22,257,000
Receipts	28,508,000
Bank ratio	7.4

—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $360,230. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

	SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HK Bank	1405	1420	50 @	1420
			5 @	1420
INSURANCES				
Union	700	797½	570 @	795
Underwriters	5.25			
DOCKS, ETC.				
K. Wharf		91½	100 @	91
N. Pt. Wharf		6¾		
Dock		20.50		
S'hai Dock	1.65			
Wheelock	7.40	7.55	6600 @	7.45
			4100 @	7½
Wheelock (Rts.)	2.42½		800 @	2.42½
			2200 @	2.43
			2000 @	2.42½
			7000 @	2.42½
			4400 @	2.43
			8000 @	2.42½
			1600 @	2.42½
LAND, ETC.				
HK Hotel	7.70	7.85		
HK Land (O)	56½	57½	200 @	57
S'hai Land	1.40			
UTILITIES				
Tram	22	22.20	500 @	22.20
			800 @	22.20
Star Ferry	117	110		
C. Light (O)	9.10	9.20	1000 @	9.15
Electric	23½	23.70	900 @	23.40
			100 @	23.60
Telephone		19.50	1000 @	19.00
INDUSTRIALS				
Cement		10.70	500 @	10½
Rope		20.40		
STORES, ETC.				
Dairy	18.90	19	500 @	18.90
Watson		25.10		
L. Crawford	29	30		
COTTONS				
Ewo	2.15			

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.0225
Sterling note (per £1)	15.83
Indonesian guilders (per 100)	59.20
Siam ticals (per 100)	34.30
Singapore (Straits)	16.32
FIC piastres (per 100)	11.475

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Kenya Government Criticised By Council Members

Nairobi, Jan. 15.

The Kenya Legislative Council today voted £750,000 for the fight against the Mau Mau terror but not before white settlers' representatives had criticised Government slowness in meeting the threat.

"The Government is always one step behind," Mr Michael Blundell, leader of the elected European members said.

There was nothing to stop a gunman with an automatic weapon entering the Legislative Council chamber and cutting down some of the members, he declared.

He asked for a Defence Council to co-ordinate the campaign against Mau Mau. It should include the Government members concerned and one representative from each of the races represented on the unofficial side of the Legislative Council—Europeans, Africans, Asians and Arabs.

Mr Blundell said a village system should be devised affording both physical and psychological protection to Kikuyu tribesmen opposed to Mau Mau.

He added that the country would have to be prepared for further incident for some time.

POLICE HELPED

The Government Chief Secretary, Mr Henry S. Potter, said that though "shocking incidents" continued, "I do most firmly believe there has been a continuing improvement."

Police investigations had been helped by a great increase in the amount of information given, Mr Potter added.

Arrests had been made for every murder of a European and there was an increasing number of arrests for murders of Africans.

The Finance member, Mr E. A. Vasey, said fighting the emergency cost £135,000 a month, which could be found without extra taxes. But he said the military had not yet put in claim for extra expenditure or for bringing in a battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers now hunting Mau Mau men.

A settlers' representative, Group Captain I.R. Briggs, said the Mau Mau threat had not waned at all, and accused Mr Potter of complacency. He criticised the need to refer emergency measures to London and said: "Full powers to deal with the emergency must be transferred to this country—and at once."

The Lancashire Fusiliers combing out the area between Mount Laikipipia and the Aberdare range today closed in one armed gangs of Mau Mau suspects.

An official spokesman said important results were expected from the Lancashire Fusiliers drive and "Operation Longstop" further south.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6. Programme Summary; 6.02, Broadcast for Schools "Names that made History" "Guy Fawkes" (BBCTS); 6.20 Queen's Hall Light Orchestra; 6.30, Old Time Ballroom with Sydney Thompson and his Orchestra (BBCTS); 7, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.15, Talking about Hongkong: By Dr S. G. Davis and Rev. Father T.F. Ryan (Recorded); 7.30, Tintagel (Bax)... New Symphony Orch. cond. by Eugene Goossens; 7.45, Songs by Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Music is Served; 8.45, The Heritage of Britain—"This Fortress" (BBCTS); written by Major Lewis Hastings. Produced by David Porter; 9.15, Music Lovers Hour—Classical Requests presented by Curtis Hindson (Studio); 10.15, The Human Body —New Series for old. A Feature Programme edited by Professor S. Zuckerman, CB, FRS, (BBCTS); 10.45, Dancing Time — with Ted Nichols and his Pennies; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music—New Light Symphony Orchestra; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

It is indeed a naive code, a matter of simple transliteration, substituting 1 a A etc. for A B C etc we get:
4 P R I N T 19 16 18 9 14 20
C A N D L E A 1 14 4 12 5
Now subtract 1e 15 14 9 15
Transliterate P O D E S O
So the password is POUKNO.

London Express Service

Celebrates His 78th Birthday

German Federal Chancellor Dr Adenauer, with his daughter Lotte, admires a unique birthday cake resembling the trunk of a knotty tree which was presented to him at his home in Bonn by local tradesmen in celebration of his 78th birthday.—London Express.

Temperature 7 Below In Korea

Seoul, Jan. 16.

The temperature plunged to seven degrees below zero in Korea last night as the Communists jabbed sharply at three United Nations outposts near the Pukhan river on the central front.

An Eighth Army raiding party which yesterday hit Communist positions east of Panmunjom in daylight inflicted 54 casualties on the Communists, an Army briefing officer said. They also destroyed bunkers and machine gun posts under cover of air strikes and tank fire.

The officer said 37 of the Communist casualties were estimated killed.

Communist troops yesterday made their first daylight assault on the Snipers Ridge area "for a very long time," the briefing officer said.

Allied defenders threw them back after the Chinese got close enough in to throw grenades.

Superfortresses from Okinawa switched their attack for the first night this week from the Communist rail and road supply system on the North Korean coasts.

The Air Force said they picked out a group of Communist barracks for their assault early this morning and dropped 100 tons of bombs on them.

The target near Huichon just north of Korea's "waistline" was a group of military buildings of wood and plaster construction, the Air Force said.

Pilots reported they had no opposition except from two Communist night fighters which raced past them without firing. They said they could see nothing but smoke when they left the area.—Reuter.

AMERICAN ARRESTED

Vienna, Jan. 15.

An official United States spokesman said here tonight that an American citizen, Walter Lauber, was held in Vienna for questioning in connection with the arrest of Kurt Ponger and Otto Verber.

An unspecified number of other American citizens was also detained for questioning.

Kurt Ponger and Otto Verber, the two alleged spies arrested by the United States authorities here yesterday, were accredited with the Austrian government as foreign correspondents.

Both alleged spies and a Mrs Vera Ponger, believed to be Verber's sister and Kurt Ponger's wife, had an office in the Soviet sector of Vienna where the Pongers also lived with Verber.

More United States subjects would be called in for questioning, the spokesman said.

No Austrians have yet been detained or questioned, he said.

According to official reports, Lauber was arrested yesterday on a street corner in Vienna's international zone, which this month is under American control.—Reuter.

DISPUTED MARRIAGE

Hearing By Privy Council Adjourned

London, Jan. 15.

After three days of legal argument concerning the marriage of a wealthy Jewish merchant and a Chinese woman in Singapore, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council again adjourned today the hearing of an appeal brought by the merchant's brother.

Mr Isaac Penhas was appealing against a decision of the Singapore Courts upholding the validity of the marriage between his brother, Mr Abraham Penhas, and Tan Soo Eng in 1937.

The case arose out of a petition by Tan Soo Eng for letters of administration in the estate of Mr Abraham Penhas who died in 1942.

Their Lordships had been told that at the wedding ceremony a "venerable Chinese gentleman" had asked the parties if they were willing to become man and wife. Both had said "yes".

Mr A. J. A. Temple, QC, for Mr Isaac Penhas, referred to cases dealing with the adaptation of the English common law in Singapore with the object, he said, of allowing settlers to marry. The result was that this became local law while natives were left with their own customs.

Mr Temple contended that if it was held that—the aged Chinese could stand as a substitute for an episcopally ordained priest or as near as the nature of the case permitted there could not be a common law marriage.

Lord Merriman presiding asked: "Suppose everything is done as decently and properly as possible but without the priest?"

Mr Temple: "There would be simple interchange of consent between two people to marry. That is the equivalent of saying these two people married themselves."

The hearing was adjourned until Monday.—Reuter.

Carrier Leaves

Rear-Admiral R. F. Hickey, Commander of the Carrier Division 5, United States Seventh Fleet, left the Colony this morning in the American Aircraft Carrier Kearsarge.

The Carrier (Capt. L. E. French) is returning to the north to resume operations.

Boy Quins Born, But Die

London, Jan. 15.

Boy quintuplets were born last night to a mother in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital but they did not survive.

The hospital authorities decided at the parents' request not to reveal the woman's name or give any further details.—Reuter.

Accident Sequel

WOMAN DRIVER CHARGED

An accident occurred at Blue Pool Road on November 24 last year in which a six-year-old Chinese child was knocked down by a car and subsequently died of her injuries. This morning Mrs F. P. Baker, of room 230, Repulse Bay Hotel, was charged before Mr Thomas Tam at Central for driving without due care and attention.

The accused is defended by Mr J. P. Griffiths. Sub-Insp. Moor is prosecuting.

The first witness for the prosecution was Chan Tong, a tram conductor, who testified that at 12.45 p.m. on November 24 he was near the scene of the accident when he saw a child walking along, eating something. He heard a car pass him and when he looked again, he saw that the child was lying face-down on the road.

He shouted out to the car that someone had been knocked down, and saw the vehicle slow down and stop. Witness took note of the car's number, and ran to phone the Police.

Witness testified that he saw three passengers in the car including the driver, whom he identified in Court as the defendant.

The hearing is proceeding.

Judgment Is Reserved

Following the conclusion of argument by Counsel, the Full Court of Appeal this morning reserved judgment in the appeals brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and the American President Lines Ltd against the judgment of Mr Justice Reece, delivered on November 1, 1952, in connection with 50 bundles of Buntal fibre stored in the premises of the Godown Company.

Respondents were the Universal Development Co., Ltd, of 15 Ice House Street.

Both the APL and the Universal Development Company lay claim to the fibre, which was placed in the Godown Company in April, 1951, and held to the order of the APL. In the appeals before the Full Court, the Godown Company sought leave to interplead on the grounds that there were rival claims to the goods.

Given Official Recognition

His Excellency the Governor has recognised, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr R. Turbidin Suriawinata as Consul-General for Indonesia, and Mr Chang J. Park as Consul-General for Korea at Hongkong, according to the Government Gazette.

The Governor has also recognised Senhor Victorino Vianna de Carvalho as Consul for Brazil at Hongkong. The Queen's Exequatur empowering Senhor Carvalho to act in this capacity received Her Majesty's signature on December 1, 1952.

COURT SUSTAINS BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM

Judgment for the plaintiffs in the sum of $144,480 and costs was delivered by Mr Justice E. H. Williams at the Supreme Court this morning in an action for breach of contract brought by the Hongkong Chih Bee Company Ltd., of Chung Tin Building, fourth floor, against the Crescent Corporation, of 11 Hollywood Road.

The contract was in respect of 500 metric tons of Indian white crystal sugar.

The defendants were not present in Court, nor were they legally represented.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr A. R. O'Dowd Booth, represented the plaintiffs.

Giving evidence, Khaw Teow-suan, manager of the import department of the plaintiff firm, said that during July 1952, he entered into a contract with one Mr Behall, manager of the defendant firm, by which his firm was to buy from the defendants 500 metric tons of the Indian white crystal sugar.

On August 7, witness went on, he opened the necessary letter of credit through the Mercantile Bank. In the latter part of August, Behall asked him if he could extend the time of the shipment of the sugar for 30 days. He told Behall he agreed to this, provided he let him have the name of the ship in question.

Behall told him he would tell him the name of the ship later, but in fact did not do so.

Witness went on to say that on September 6, Behall wrote him, saying that his firm did not want to carry out the contract.

TWO CONTRACTS

Khaw told the Court at this stage that on August 5, his firm had contracted to sell 100 tons of sugar to the Mau Tai Hong firm at $57 per picul, and 50 tons to the Shing Kee firm at the same price.

When the defendants let him down, witness stated, he informed the two firms accordingly. They refused to cancel the contracts they had made with him, but later agreed to do so on condition that he sue the defendant firm.

Mr Bernacchi told the Court that in their letter to the plaintiffs repudiating the contract, the defendants said they relied only on the "non-performance clause" in the contract. They did not give any other reason for their cancellation.

It was a straightforward case of breach of contract, Counsel submitted, adding that defendants had wrongfully repudiated the contract.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

It was announced in this morning's Gazette that the following have been appointed members of the Board of Education for the year ending December 31, 1953:

The Hon the Director of Education (Chairman), Dr the Hon Chau Sik Nin, the Hon Ngan Shing Kwan, the Rt. Rev. Ronald Owen Hall, Mr Donovan Banson, the Rev. Brother Louis Marie Brigant Cassian (President, Hongkong Teachers' Association), the Rev. Father Fergus Cronin, Lieut-Col. Hugh Blackwell Layard, Dowbiggin, Mr John Finnie, the Rev. Samuel Withers Green, Mr Lawrence Kadoorie, Mrs Ellen Li, Mr Porphyrio Maria Nolasco da Silva, Jr., Professor Kenneth Ewart Priestly, Mr Dhun Jehangir Huttonjee, Mr William Ngarise Thomas Tam, Mrs Tsoung Ti'o Lai Ki, Mrs Yeoh Choy Wai Hann. Secretary to be appointed by the Hon the Director of Education.

Stall Owner Robbed

Lee Kun, 19, unemployed of no fixed abode, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for theft by Mr Poon Yan-hui at Central this morning.

Insp. Day, prosecuting, stated that on January 10, DPC 1478 and PC 1853 were on duty at Star Ferry Wharf, Ice House Street. They saw defendant carrying a rattan basket and searched him. The basket contained clothing, a wrist watch and $50.30 cash, the total value being $1,043.

When questioned, defendant admitted stealing the goods from a firewood stall near the Southern Playground. The owner of the stall was located, and after he had identified the goods as his, defendant was arrested and charged.

More Pay For "Specials"

Pay and allowances of the Special Constabulary and the Hongkong Police Reserve, when called out for active service or in training, will be the same rates as other members of the emergency services would be eligible to receive under the same circumstances.

This announcement, made in the Government Gazette today, is contained in an explanatory note to regulations cited as the Emergency (Special Constabulary) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953, and the Police Reserve (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.

The explanatory note states that heretofore, the pay and allowances which members of the Special Constabulary were eligible to receive have been equated to Police Force rates, and not to the rates applicable to the Royal Hongkong Defence Force and the Essential Services Corps. This was now felt to be inequitable and the effect of the regulations is as explained above.

Government Appointments

It was announced in the Gazette this morning that His Excellency the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has appointed Mr Allan Fletcher to be a Surveyor of Ships.

Mr E. Thorndike, Assistant Controller of Posts has ceased to act as Controller of Posts.

(Special) Constable 15 M. W. Turner is appointed (Special) Superintendent of Police in the Special Constabulary.

Miss E. A. Mann is appointed a member of the Nursing Board during the absence of Miss M. Thomson.

Living Language

Why we say Cider.

This typically English drink, the fermented juice of apples, finds the origin of its name in the Hebrew "shekar" which means strong drink. In Wickliffe's translation of the Bible ver. 15 of Chapter 1 of St. Luke appears "He schal not drynke wyn and sydir". This now appears in the Authorised Version as "He shall drink neither wine nor strong drink".

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
By Air

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m., P.A.A.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m., Q.E.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m., 2 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., ss Changte.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
By Air

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, via B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, Noon, P.A.A.
Siam, Burma, India, 4.30 p.m., Thai Airways.
Formosa, 6 p.m., C.A.T.
Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m., 6 p.m., ss Tai Loy/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., 5 p.m., train via Canton.
Malaya, India, 11 a.m., ss Lok Sang.
Philippines, 1 p.m., ss Pres. Monroe.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18,
By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., via C.P.A.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m., ss Tai Loy.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19
By Air

Siam, Pakistan, Great Britain, Europe, 11 a.m., via B.O.A.C.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., (San Francisco), Noon, P.A.A.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.
Indo-China, (Tonkin only), 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.
Formosa, U.S.A., (Seattle & Western States) Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

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